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DFO Feature Presentation Wednesday February 4th 2004, 7:30 pm

"Cranes I Have Known, and other Tidbits"

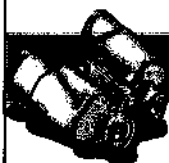


Paul Tebbel has spent much of his life time watching and learning about cranes, and is currently the manager of Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary on the Platte River in Nebraska.

Visit the Sanctuary on line at
<http://www.rowsanctuary.org/index.html>

Sandhill cranes are the perfect subjects to better understand bird behavior. They are large, animated, and like to utilize areas where we can easily observe them.

See the Bulletin Board on page 3 for future presentations.



DFO Field Trips for January 2004

January 3, Saturday
88th and the South Platte

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg (303-699-1721)

Meet at 0900 at the parking lot at 88th and the South Platt River. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Good for new birders and easy walking. Ducks, ducks, ducks (we hope).

January 4, Sunday
Northeastern Colorado

Leader: Jackie King (303-287-1644)

Please call leader if you plan to come. Meet at 0800 at the nature center at Barr Lake. State Parks Pass needed. Full-day trip; bring lunch and water. We'll aim for raptors and Great Horned Owls.

January 10, Saturday
Wheatridge Green Belt

Leader: Mike Foster (303-279-3026)

Meet at 0830 at Prospect Lake parking lot (south of W. 44th Ave., just east of Robb St. in Wheatridge). Half-day trip; lunch optional. Should be good viewing of waterfowl.

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DFO Field Trips for January 2004, continued

January 11, Sunday***Along St. Vrain and South Platte Rivers*****Leader:** Dick Pratt (303-651-6860)

Meet at 0900. Go north on I-25 to Longmont Exit 240 (Highway 119). Meet at Park 'n Ride on southeast corner, opposite Wendy's. Full-day trip; bring lunch and water. We'll check out riparian bottomlands. Twenty-eight Bald Eagles last year!

January 17, Saturday***Chatfield State Park*****Leader:** Ed Holub (303-979-2194)

Meet at 0800 at fee station just inside west entrance. From C-470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles. State Parks Pass needed. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Hopefully, we'll find some special gulls.

January 18, Sunday***Pueblo area*****Leaders:** Ira Sanders and Tamie Ellsworth (303-278-7172)

Will be meeting at 0630 for a full day of birding. Call leaders for meeting place and other details. State Parks Pass needed. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. Hope to contact Brandon Percival for updated information.

January 24, Saturday***Cherry Creek State Park*****Leaders:** Lea Ann and Bob Brown (303-791-6204)

Meet at 0800 just inside west gate, across from Cherry Creek High School (go east from Yosemite on Union Ave.). State Parks Pass needed. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Get additions to your 2004 list!

January 25, Sunday***Overland Pond Park, along South Platte River*****Leaders:** J.B. Hayes (303-798-9683)

Meet at 0900 at parking lot on north side of Florida, just east of where Florida crosses the South Platte River. Bring lunch. We'll bird until about 1400. Check with Rare Bird Alert if weather is questionable. Fifteen duck species last year!

January 31, Saturday***Boulder*****Leader:** Ted Floyd (303-444-6363)

Meet at 0800 at Walden Ponds main parking area, directly across from Cottonwood Marsh. From Denver, go west on U.S. 36 to Foothills Parkway exit (SR 157). Travel north for 1.9 miles; turn right (east) on Arapahoe Rd. (SR 7); continue east for 2.8 miles; turn left (north) on 75th St. for 2.2 miles; turn left (west) on Walden Ponds Rd. Pass small parking area on right, then continue to main parking lot at Cottonwood Marsh. Full-day trip; bring lunch and water. Editor of ABA's "Birding" will be our guide.

February 1, Sunday***Lake McConaughy, Nebraska*****Leader:** Jackie King (303-287-1644)

Call leader for details of time and meeting place. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. Dinner will be at a restaurant. Carpooling! Hundreds of raptors congregate at this lake.

Welcome New Members !

Lisa Carlson , 190 Cortez Street, Denver, CO 80221

Mary Ellen Sargent, 9748 Westbury Circle, Littleton, CO 80129-6930, 303-933-6233

Michael P. Serruto, 2505 Cherry Street, Denver, CO 80207-3144, 303-377-9870

Contributions

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Thank you for your generous contributions.

The DFO relies on your help to sustain our outreach efforts and programs.

Bulletin Board

Upcoming Feature Presentations: March 3rd - What is an eBird? with Chris Wood ; April 7th - Planting Natural Habitats with Scott Menough ; May 5th - Warblers! with Ted Floyd

☐ **DFO and the Flower and Garden Show** DFO has been invited to participate in the annual Flower and Garden show in the Denver Convention Center next February. The Board has decided to set up a table with information about our club. Anyone who likes to decorate and create eye catching design boards, photo albums, brochures, etc., please email Toni Rautus at trautus@att.net.

☐ **Electronic Lark Bunting Option** The Board is interested in knowing how many DFO members access the field trip information on the web site and do not rely on the Lark Bunting for this and other information. You will notice on the inserted membership form that there is a check box asking you if you would like to receive the newsletter in email form instead of the mailed version. It would be emailed in Adobe format so you would need Adobe Reader (free from Adobe.com) to open and print it.

☐ **DFO Grant Application Form** The Denver Field Ornithologists (DFO) has a limited amount of funds available annually to persons or organizations who apply for grants. The emphasis of an acceptable grant shall be for projects that educate the public concerning various aspects of the study of birds such as their identification, voice, habits, habitats as well as preservation. In 2004 we will have approximately \$900-\$1000 to award. Please find the application form inserted in this issue.

Field Trip Summaries for November 2003

November 1, Saturday *Scoter (SCO)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Paul Differding, Gene Rutherford, Andrew Spencer, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0740-1630. **Distance:** 350 miles by car, .2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain lakes. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, north wind 5-10 mph, wind changed in mid-day to south 10-20 mph, 38-46°F. **Totals:** 42 species, 12924 individuals. (NOTE: Witnessed an adult golden eagle snatch one of two cattle egrets right out of the air and take it to the ground.)

November 2, Sunday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. **Observers:** Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lentz. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, river riparian, prairie, elevation 5700'. **Weather:** Cold, cloudy, fog, misty, 30°F, no wind. **Totals:** 53 species, 1226 individuals.

November 8, Saturday *Boulder/Longmont (BOU)*

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Peter Frechtel, Joyce Takamine, Paul Slingsby, Peter Spanberger, (Richard Reilly and Laura Cullen visiting from Vermont). **Time:** 0900-1700. **Distance:** 93 miles by car. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 50°F. **Totals:** (Raptors only) 9 species, 100 individuals.

November 9, Sunday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Ron Carter, Paul Differding, Warren Finch, Charles Kemper, Debbie Kennedy, Carol Larsen, Jim Larsen, Karleen Schofield. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Water, riparian, prairie, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 28-38°F, northeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 43 species, 1777 individuals.

November 15, Saturday *Sedalia Area, including Cherokee Ranch (SED)*

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Michaelle Griffin, Allen Hagood, Peggy Hankins, Jim and Carol Larsen, Mona and Clifford Reed, Mike Serruto, Tricia Silverstri, Polleke Siraa. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 23 miles by car, 2.75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa pine, scrub oak, elevation 5800-6000'. **Weather:** Clear to mostly clear, 30-55°F, northeast and east wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 28 species, 153 individuals.

November 16, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Helen Garcia (visitor), Allen Hagood, Jim Hansmann, Bob Rohwedder, Polleke Siraa. **Time:** 0800-1145. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 30-50°F, northwest wind, 1-3 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 3259 individuals.

November 22, Saturday *Roxborough State Park (ROX)*

Leader: Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Melvin Good. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 2.3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, grassland. **Weather:** Overcast, light snow, heavy snow, north wind 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 14 species, 109 individuals.

November 23, Sunday *Belmar Historic Park (BEL)*

Leader(s): Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** None (except two coyotes). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 1.75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, wetland, grassland, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Cold, clear/sunny, 5-20°F, northwest wind, 2-10 mph. **Totals:** 24 species, 1527 individuals.

November 28, Friday *Lake McConaughy (LAK)*

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0730-1930. **Distance:** 416 miles by car, .5 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Sunny and clear, 35-46°F, north wind, 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 42 species, 9653 individuals.

November 29, Saturday *South Platte Park (SOU)* Cancelled

November 30, Sunday *Big Dry Creek Open Space (BIG)* Cancelled

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Field Trip Summaries for November 2003, continued

Tuesday Birders

November 4 *Cherry Creek State Park*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 38. **Time:** 0830-1130. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cattail marsh, open woodlands, grasslands, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Sunny, 42-50°F, variable wind, 0-3 mph. **Totals:** 41 species, 816 individuals.

November 11 *Waterton Canyon*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1130. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains riparian, grassland, cottonwood, willow with rock outcrops, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny to sunny, 45-56°F, variable wind, 0-40 mph. **Totals:** 20 species, 60 individuals.

November 18 *Chatfield State Park*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow and open grassy areas, elevation 5430'. **Weather:** Sunny, 40-54°F, southwest wind, 15-20 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 331 individuals.

November 25 *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt*

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails, elevation 5386'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 36-46°F, calm wind. **Totals:** 35 species, 617 individuals.

November Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Red-necked Grebe	11/7-13	1 to 2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Perivel, mcb
Red-necked Grebe	11/23-30	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Perivel
Western Grebe	11/7-8	1000	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	High Kingery, Ulling Kingery
Greater White-fronted Goose	11/4-15	4 to 7	Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson
Greater White-fronted Goose	11/13	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson, Allan Burns
Greater White-fronted Goose	11/14	7	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Greater White-fronted Goose	11/26	1 j.	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Perivel, Allan Burns
Surf Scoter	11/24	1 1st winter	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Surf Scoter	11/5-10	1	Walker Pit, Franktown	Douglas	High Kingery, Ulling Kingery
Black Scoter	11/13	2 f.i.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Perivel, mcb
White-winged Scoter	11/8	2	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson
White-winged Scoter	11/13	1 m	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson, Allan Burns
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/13	1 f.	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson, Allan Burns
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/15	1 m	Elevenmile Reservoir	Park	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/17-11/20	1 m	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
American Bittern	11/14	1	Hale Ponds	Yuma	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Osprey	11/30	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Nathan Replow, Brandon Perivel, mcb
Greater Yellowlegs	11/9	1	Walker Pit, Franktown	Douglas	High Kingery, Ulling Kingery
Least Sandpiper	11/30	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Perivel, Bill Maynard, mcb
Dowling	11/5	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Perivel
Dowling	11/6	4	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Perivel, Andrew Spencer
Dowling	11/19-21	1 to 2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Perivel
Long-billed Dowitcher	11/10	3	Walker Pit, Franktown	Douglas	High Kingery, Ulling Kingery
Red Phalarope	11/6	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Perivel, Andrew Spencer

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November Additional Reports, continued

Red Phalarope	11/8	1	Trinidad Reservoir	Las Animas	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Mew Gull	11/30	1 basic a.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Brandon Percival, mcb.
Great Black-backed Gull	11/22-30	1a.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mcb.
Trayer's Gull	11/5-13	1j.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mcb.
Trayer's Gull	11/29	1 basic a.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Brandon Percival
Lesser Black-backed Gull	11/6-30	1 basic a.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mcb.
Arctic Tern	11/23-30	1a.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mcb.
Pacific Loon	11/1-27	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mcb.
Pacific Loon	11/8	5	Trinidad Reservoir	Las Animas	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Pacific Loon	11/13	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Allan Burns
Pacific Loon	11/13	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Pacific Loon	11/15	1	Spinney Mountain Reservoir	Park	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Common Loon	11/13	34	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Red-bellied Woodpecker	11/14	6	Bonny Reservoir/Hale area	Yuma	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	11/14	1j.	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	11/26	1 mj.	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Allan Burns
Loggerhead Shrike	11/10	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery, Uling Kingery
Warbling Vireo	11/7	1	Rock Canyon, below Pueblo Reservoir dam	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Tree Swallow	11/6-7	1	Walker Pit, Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery, Uling Kingery
House Wren	11/7	1	Waterton	Jefferson	Hugh Kingery, Uling Kingery
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	11/7	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eastern Bluebird	11/6	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery, Uling Kingery
Western Bluebird	11/6	3	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery, Uling Kingery
Western Bluebird	11/9	6	Chaffield State Park	Douglas	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch
Nashville Warbler	11/6-25	1 fall plumage	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Turk Lowie, Joyce Takamine
Yellow Warbler	11/7-21	1 to 3	Rock Canyon/Valko Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Palm Warbler	11/24	1	Highlands Ranch	Douglas	Bob Brown
Snow Bunting	11/15	1	Elevenmile Reservoir	Park	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Snow Bunting	11/15	1	Spinney Mountain Reservoir	Park	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Lincoln Sparrow	11/3-14	1	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Red Fox Sparrow	11/14	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
White-throated Sparrow	11/20-28	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery, Uling Kingery
Harris's Sparrow	11/6	2	Ordway Reservoir	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Andrew Spencer
Rusty Blackbird	11/21	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival

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Thank you! As always, DFO members are invited to submit additional listings to Elna Cain, elnacain13@aol.com

November 2003 Field Trip Table

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1	2	8	9	15	15	22	23	28	4	11	18	25	
	SCO	CHA	ROU	CHE	SEO	BAR	BOX	BEL	LAK	CHE	WAT	CHA	WHE	
Common Loon	2	4		5		1								12
Pied-billed Grebe	4			9						3			3	19
Horned Grebe		3		12						5				20
Eared Grebe	288	6		113						50		8		465
Western Grebe	255	28		425		6				2				716
American White Pelican				15					7	50				72
Double-crested Cormorant		25		32		12				50		1		120
Great Blue Heron		1										3		4
Cattle Egret	2													2
Black-crowned Night-Heron								4						4
Greater White-fronted Goose		1												1
Snow Goose	201								2	2				205
"White morph"									2					(2)
Ross's Goose	1					150								151
Canada Goose	391	275		260		2000	35	1250	2890	300	4	76	100	7581
Trumpeter Swan						2								2
Gadwall	2930	75		9		12			2	45			8	3081
American Wigeon	1246	20		6		18			35				20	1345
Mallard	1660	50		10		500		43	175	3	3	45	80	2569
Blue-winged Teal	1								8					9
Northern Shoveler	514	10				60		96				1	150	831
Northern Pintail	403	25				80								508
Green-winged Teal	640	20				40			25					725
Canvasback	43			2										45
Redhead	1205	1		11						75				1292
Ring-necked Duck	54							2					3	59
Lesser Scaup	1275	10		8				6	200	19			10	1528
Surf Scoter	6													6
White-winged Scoter	2													2
Bufflehead	789	15						2						806
Common Goldeneye				4		1			2030	10		14	13	2072
Hooded Merganser		5											6	11
Common Merganser	32	40		8					2500	4				2584
Red-breasted Merganser	9			6										15
Ruddy Duck	8	25		1						1			1	36
Osprey											1			1
Bald Eagle		2	3			5			6			1		17
Northern Harrier		1	8	3		6			5	1		1		25
Sharp-shinned Hawk			2					1						3
Cooper's Hawk										1				1

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Red-tailed Hawk	1	2	53	2	3				8	4	2	4		79
western races					3									(3)
"Harlan's" race											1			(1)
Ferruginous Hawk			4						2					6
Rough-legged Hawk						1			4					5
buteo sp.			6							1				7
Golden Eagle	1		1		2		2	1	3					10
American Kestrel			20			2		1	10	1		1		35
Merlin			2						1					3
Prairie Falcon		1												1
Ring-necked Pheasant				3					1					4
Virginia Rail										2			3	5
Sora													1	1
American Coot	798	250		48		4				8			30	1138
Killdeer		1												1
Sanderling		6												6
Wilson's Snipe								2						2
Bonaparte's Gull		11		2						1		16		30
Ring-billed Gull	81	30		230		30		23	250	50		36	87	817
California Gull	32	3		29				1						65
Herring Gull		2		1						2				5
Rock Dove		20		2	12			11	20	1	8	1	3	78
Mourning Dove		3				4			6		1		1	15
Great Horned Owl									3			1		4
Belted Kingfisher				3	1					4	3	2	2	15
Downy Woodpecker		2		1	1	3			2	2		1	1	13
Northern Flicker		12		15	3	6	5	4	8	9	2	4	4	72
"Yellow-shafted" race						6			1					(7)
"Red-shafted" race				(15)	(3)			(4)	(7)					(29)
Loggerhead Shrike									1					1
Northern Shrike	1	1	1	1										4
Steller's Jay	1				2									3
Blue Jay					5		3						1	9
Western Scrub-Jay					6		6				1			13
Clark's Nutcracker	1													1
Black-billed Magpie	1	15		7	3			1	3	8	3	9	3	53
American Crow	14	50		1	7		12	9	100	1	14	15		223
Common Raven	6				2		2	2			3			15
Horned Lark	20	40			1				130					191
swallow sp.										1				1

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Black-capped Chickadee		6		2	4	2	7			4	1	2	3	31
Mountain Chickadee					1									1
Bush-tit					9									9
Red-breasted Nuthatch									1					1
White-breasted Nuthatch					3							1		4
Pygmy Nuthatch					11									11
Brown Creeper												2	1	3
Rock Wren		2									1			3
American Osprey											2			2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1										1	1	3
Western Bluebird									8					8
Townsend's Solitaire					2		2							4
American Robin		8		31	15	1	15		25		1	1	3	100
Sage Thrasher	1	1												2
European Starling	1	50		350	14	18			670	30		29	35	1197
Cedar Waxwing									40					40
Yellow-rumped Warbler		1												1
Spotted Towhee							1			1	1			3
American Tree Sparrow		3		5	4	12	12	3	20	2	3	17	4	85
Song Sparrow	2	3		3		18		7		5	1		8	47
Swamp Sparrow	1													1
White-crowned Sparrow		15			1	24							1	41
Dark-eyed Junco		14		1	9	12	5	2	100	4	5	14	5	171
"Slate-colored" race		(1)				(3)	2	(1)	20					(27)
"Oregon" race		(1)			6	(6)		(1)	80					(94)
"Pink-sided" race		(12)			3	4	3							(22)
Lapland Longspur	1													1
Red-winged Blackbird				50	7	200		1	290				7	555
Western Meadowlark		30		3		7			12					52
House Finch		1		43	14	2	2	13	8	49		22	14	168
American Goldfinch					3	5			2	3			3	16
House Sparrow				5	8	15		42	40	2		2	2	116
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1294	1226	100	1777	153	3259	109	1527	9553	816	60	331	617	32,552
TOTAL SPECIES	42	53	9	43	28	34	14	24	42	41	20	30	35	102

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

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Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules: www.dfobirders.org.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

\$20.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

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☐ Check here if you prefer to receive the Lark Bunting by email and not the postal service.

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Denver Field Ornithologists Educational Endowment Grant Application

The Denver Field Ornithologists (DFO) have a limited amount of funds available annually to persons or organizations who apply for grants. The emphasis of an acceptable grant shall be for projects that educate the public concerning various aspects of the study of birds such as their identification, voice, habits, habitats as well as preservation. In 2004 we will have approximately \$900-\$1000 to award. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications, and must be received by the Board by January 31st 2004.

Guidelines for application:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by Jan 31, 2004. A grant application form is on the other side of this page.
2. Describe in detail the project (s) and state the amount of funds requested.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants will be announced at May 2004 meeting.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.

Please send application to DFO Board members:

Mary Burger, 10826 E. Maplewood Place, Englewood, CO 80111 or e-mail
McBurger3@juno.com or to

Tina Jones, 4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, CO 80123 or e-mail
tjcalliope@aol.com

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____ (C) _____

Email _____

Individual or organization to receive grant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____ (C) _____

Description of Project: _____

What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:

Amount of funding requested:

Details of how funds will be used:

Other information for the DFO Board's consideration (please attach additional information if needed).

Signature _____ Date _____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.



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February 2004

DFO Feature Presentation Wednesday March 3rd 2004, 7:30 pm

Our previously arranged speaker, Chris Wood, has been called to duty (tour leader duty, that is) and will not be able to present his talk for our March meeting. We will have a program lined up by then, just not before Lark Bunting deadline, and will post the information on the website.

April's speaker is Scott Menough whose presentation will feature "Planting Natural Habitats" (yes, spring is coming). The May 5th meeting will concentrate on Warblers, with Ted Floyd.

Reminder: Paul Tebbel, manager of the Rowe Sanctuary in Nebraska, will be speaking on Cranes for our February 4th presentation.



DFO Field Trips for January 2004

Sunday, February 1

Lake McConaughy, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 07:30 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant at I-76 and Hudson. Bring lunch and snacks for a long day. It is a four hour drive to Lake McConaughy from Denver. Plan to stop at a moderately priced restaurant for dinner on the way back. Bald eagles by the hundreds congregate at the lake if the surrounding still water is frozen. We often see swans as well as hundreds of waterfowl. A variety of raptors are seen along the road.

Saturday, February 7

Boulder Hawk Run

Leaders: Dianna and Wayne Johnston, 303-682-5662. Meet leaders at 0900 at the Park and Ride located at Hwy 287 and Niwot Road. From I-25 take exit #235 (CO State Hwy 52, Dacono, Ft. Lupton.) Go left at exit: Hwy 52 (west), go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287, turn right (north) on Hwy 287. Go 0.7 miles then turn left (west) on Niwot Rd. This is a driving trip around Boulder County looking for raptors. It will be a ¾ to all day trip, bring lunch, snacks and water.

Saturday, February 7

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0900. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. This will be an easy hike on level trails. From Denver, take East I-76 to Bromley Lane, Exit 22. Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road, and then turn south for approximately 2 miles to park entrance. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

Sunday, February 8

South West Lakes

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0800 at the RTD Park and Ride on the west side of South Wadsworth Blvd, just south of Hampden Ave. (U.S. 285). Bring lunch for a ¾ day trip. Will look for waterfowl and raptors at Harriman Lake, the open space area near C-470 and Youngfield, Hine Lake and the area between C-470 and the intersection of Simms and Coal Mine Road.

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DFO Field Trips for January 2004, continued

Saturday, February 14

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Bob Righter, 303-692-8529. Meet leader at 0830 just inside west gate, across from Cherry Creek High School (go east from Yosemite on Union Ave.). State Parks Pass needed. Bring lunch for half to three-quarter day trip.

Sunday, February 15

South Platte Park

Leader: Sue Schulman, 303-773-3540. Meet leader at 0730 at the Carson Nature Center, north of Mineral Ave., one block west of S. Santa Fe Drive. Will walk about one mile on easy trails looking at the abundant waterfowl and possible bald eagles. Bring lunch and water so you can enjoy watching birds from the porch at the Nature Center, weather permitting. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

Saturday, February 21

Highland Canal at Greenwood Village

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000. Meet leader at Cherry Hills Police Station, southeast corner of South University and Quincy at 0830. Half-day trip, lunch optional.

Sunday, February 22

Wheatridge Green Belt

Leader: Patti Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947. Meet leader at 0800 at Prospect Lake parking lot, south of W. 44th Ave., just east of Robb St. in Wheatridge. Half-day trip, lunch optional.

Saturday, February 28

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet leader at 0800 at the Entrance station inside west entrance of park. So. Wadsworth, 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. State Parks Pass required. This will be a half-day trip, lunch optional.

Sunday, February 29

Birdwatching for the Novice

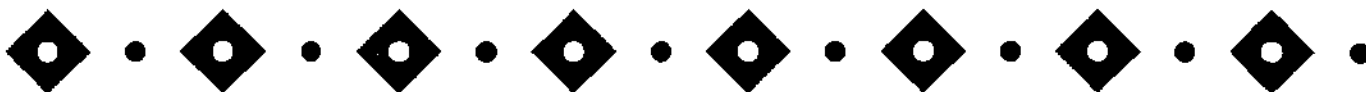
Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0830 at the Belmar Historic Park, 800 South Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave. and go 2 blocks straight ahead into Irongate parking lot and to lake. Half-day trip, lunch is optional. This trip will be an easy hike on wheelchair accessible trails to study and learn about the various waterfowl that winter in the Denver area. Be sure to bring binoculars and field guides. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

Scheduled by Jackie King—Compiled by Cris Cook

Mark Your Calendars!!!

For future planning, these are all three-day trips to be lead by Jackie King

- ☐ March 19-21 Kearney, Nebraska for the annual Sandhill Crane Migration
- ☐ April 23-25 Southeastern Colorado for early migrants
- ☐ May 29-31 Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge, Nebraska for migrating shore birds
- ☐ June 11-13 Western Slope, Colorado near Delta for white throated swifts, Gambel's quail, other western species
- ☐ July 3-5 Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge, Nebraska for nesting waterfowl
- ☐ August 20-22 Dinosaur National Monument near Rangely, Colorado for blue grouse, black throated gray warblers and sharp-tailed grouse



Dear DFO members:

Patti Echelmeyer and I have been scheduling field trips for DFO for a number of years now. Recently the Board suggested to us that we should plan more all day trips and more overnight trips. It was also suggested that new places should be visited. We are certainly willing to do this but we need your help. If you would like to share a favorite bird watching site with your fellow DFO members, would you please contact Patti Echelmeyer at 303-233-4947 or Jackie King at 303-287-1644 or by email Jackie.king@ccd.edu.

What we want to know is where would you be willing to lead a trip, how many days would the trip be ideally and which months would be good for planning this trip. If you have never led a trip before, don't be shy about sharing your knowledge. I am very willing to set up a time and run a workshop on leading field trips especially the longer trips as there are some "tricks of the trade" that would make it easier. No one has to be an expert birder to lead a trip, he or she just needs to know the area they are leading pretty well and do a little planning about bathroom breaks, restaurants and hotels. Honestly, leading a trip is not all that hard - finding the birds can be a challenge but DFO birders all know there are no guarantees so they tend to be pretty forgiving.

I have been keeping the trip leaders names, phone numbers, email contacts and destinations on my computer for some time now. If you regularly lead trips for DFO and know of some new areas or longer trips you would like to share with DFO members, please contact me as well so that I can update our list and share this information with the other schedulers.

If you are a member who never goes on field trips, would you contact one of us and let us know what kind of trips to plan that you might be interested in attending - what can we do more - or less of? We want to involve as many members as possible, but we need your guidance. Thank you for your help.

*Sincerely,
Jackie King*

December 2003 Field Trip Summaries

December 6, Saturday *Boulder County - Raptors (BOU)*

Leaders: Wayne & Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Polleke Siraa, Allen Hagood, Mike Sed, Celia Greenman. **Time:** 0900-1700. **Distance:** 70 miles by car. **Totals:** 11 species, 105 individuals.

December 7, Sunday *Longmont (LON)*

Leaders: Chris Owens & Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Liz Bond, Allen Hagood, Dianna & Wayne Johnston, Chris Mendez, Dick Pratt, Polleke Siraa, Larry & Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 30 miles by car. **Habitat:** Ponds, agricultural, riparian, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Clear to scattered clouds, variable wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 51 species, 5859 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

December 2 *South Platte Park*

Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 37 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, bicycle trail, elevation 5600'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny to mostly cloudy, 46-56°F, northwest wind, 0-8 mph. **Totals:** 45 species, 675 individuals.

December 9 – cancelled due to inclement weather and bad roads.

Christmas Count information in the next issue. Some exciting news: Hugh Kingery has promised to share a brief analysis of the results of the counts once they are all compiled.

THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS: WATCHING BIRDS SINCE 1935

By Warren I. Finch (DFO Historian)

Birdwatching has been the primary endeavor of the Denver Field Ornithologists (DFO), originally the Colorado Bird Club (CBC), since its inception in March 1935 (Finch 2002). To facilitate the formation of the Colorado Field Ornithologists that would cover all of Colorado, the Board met and voted March 18, 1964 to change the "Colorado Bird Club" name to "Denver Field Ornithologists" (Colorado Bird Notes 1964). This premier Colorado birding organization has been in continuous existence for 68 years, and has always been associated with the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (previously the Denver Museum of Natural History). The Museum's support and DFO involvement in their bird exhibit and Colorado bird collections has been mutually beneficial. Many DFO members over the years have volunteered at the Museum (Echelmeyer et al. 2003). From 1961, and perhaps as early as 1957 and as late as 1964, the Colorado Bird Club was affiliated with the National Audubon Society, but never as an Audubon Chapter. In 1965, the Denver Field Ornithologists was offered Chapter status, but DFO members voted to follow its original birdwatching mission and not the broader mission of the National Audubon Society.

The mission of DFO as defined in the present bylaws is identical to that in the original bylaws published in 1943 (Colorado Bird Club 1943) as stated in the DFO Mission Statement: "The Denver Field Ornithologists' objective is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats and to support local and national organizations to protect birds and their habitats." This mission is carried out primarily through regularly scheduled field trips to identify and count bird species in birding areas mainly in eastern Colorado and to publish these records in the *Lark Bunting*, DFO's monthly publication.

DFO has four officers - President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary - each elected for a one-year term. The Vice President has the special duty of arranging the monthly programs. The Past President may serve as an ex-officio officer. The officers are assisted by six Board Directors, two elected each year to serve for three years. Executive meetings of the Board are held generally in April and November. The Board appoints the *Lark Bunting* Editor, Field Trip Schedulers, Historian, Colorado Rare Bird Alert Coordinators, and Book Store Operator.

The Colorado Bird Club/Denver Field Ornithologists played an important role in the birth and formation of the Colorado Field Ornithologists (CFO). Due to prolonged, persistent agitation by members of five front range bird clubs for an annual state convention, Harold Holt, President of the CBC, appointed Lois Webster to chair a committee to organize the first state convention in 1963, which was hosted by CBC in Denver (Cummings 1980). Action to organize the Colorado Field Ornithologists was taken at the second convention in Fort Collins in 1964, and finally, formal organization was accomplished at the third convention in Colorado Springs in 1965. But the Articles of Incorporation of the Colorado Field Ornithologists drawn up by Thompson Marsh, first President, were not filed until April 20, 1966. The first issue of the *Colorado Field Ornithologist* was in 1967 (Finch 2002). Many DFO and other Colorado bird club members became the leaders of CFO, including Robert Hamre, the first Editor of the *Colorado Field Ornithologist* (Cummings 1980), and Jack Reddall, founder of the Official Records Committee (now Colorado Bird Records Committee) in 1972 (Echelmeyer et al. 2003).

Field Trips

In the early years of the Club, half-day field trips were held from April to November on Saturday, starting at noon because most people worked Saturday morning (44-hour week), but trips were taken all day on Sunday. Since 1965, the field trips have been held each Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, except for the latter half of December when Christmas Bird Counts take place; some three-day trips are scheduled on long weekends. In most years, about 100 regular field trips are scheduled. In the typical year 2001, 57 volunteer leaders led 95 field trips on 104 days of birding, observing 280 species, birding 1,048 hours, driving 7,800 miles, and walking some 350 miles (Schofield 2002). This normal birding year was carried out in 64 different birding spots in Colorado and three in Wyoming. In addition, DFO conducts the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count as well as the spring and fall counts to Barr Lake State Park, Barr Lake periphery, Castlewood Canyon State Park, Chatfield State Park, Cherry Creek State Park, Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR, and Waterton Canyon. The field trips are mainly east of the Continental Divide from mountain tundra to foothills and to the high plains habitats ranging north to south from Wyoming to New Mexico in Colorado and occasional ones on mesas and valleys on the western slope, and in Nebraska, Kansas, and Wyoming. The number of birds for each identified species in each of the trip areas are recorded and reported in the *Lark Bunting*. Over the years, this has developed into a very large important published Colorado bird database, and recently the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory has computerized it. All DFO field trips are open to the public free of charge; they are a great opportunity to learn about birds and birdwatching, and to meet friendly, helpful birders.

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Christmas Bird Counts

Denver Field Ornithologists, and its predecessor the Colorado Bird Club, have participated in the National Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count at least since 1951 (Colorado Bird Club 1951–1952). An earlier Jefferson County count was carried out in 1937 (National Association of Audubon Societies 1938). The annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (DCBC) has been conducted in the present count circle since 1954 (Schottler 2003). The center of the Denver count circle is located just east of I-470 and about a half-mile north of Ken Caryl Road in Jefferson County, and it encompasses a variety of habitats from plains to the foothills, including Chatfield State Park, Marston and McLellan reservoirs, several miles of the South Platte River, Red Rocks, North Turkey Creek, and Mt. Falcon Park. The results of the DCBC are published in the *Lark Bunting*. The 2003 DCBC will celebrate its 50th year in the same count circle.

The Denver Urban Christmas Bird Count (DUCBC) began in 1988–89 and is sponsored by the Audubon Society of Greater Denver, and DFO is a major participant. The center of the DUCBC circle is near 12th and Dayton Streets in Aurora north and east of the DCBC. The count area includes a ten-mile section of the South Platte River, Cherry Creek State Park, the southern half of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR, and Lowry Airbase. The results are also published in the *Lark Bunting*.

The Idaho Springs Christmas Bird Count was started in 1951 by the Colorado Bird Club (Colorado Bird Notes 1953) and continued by DFO. The center of the count circle was the junction of U.S. 6 and 40; it included Idaho Springs at its east edge and Echo Lake, Silver Plume, Berthoud Pass, James Peak, and Central City around the circumference. It became increasingly difficult for DFO to count the circle, and in 1969, the Evergreen Naturalists took it over and changed the name to Evergreen/Idaho Springs Bird Count. The center of its circle was moved easterly to include Evergreen, but not to intersect the Denver circle. The results of this count are not published in the *Lark Bunting*.

The Lark Bunting

In the early days of the Colorado Bird Club, yearly summaries of the Club's activities were published giving the lists of officers, members, field trips, and periodicals in their library located at the Denver Museum of Natural History. In October 1953, the yearbook was replaced by *Colorado Bird Notes*, *Bulletin of the Colorado Bird Club*, volume 1, number 1. In October 1965, DFO began publishing the *Monthly Report of Field Observations of the Denver Field Ornithologists*, volume 1, number 1, replacing *Colorado Bird Notes*, which DFO continued to publish intermittently until mid-1967. The new report gave for the first time the results of the previous month's field trips that included lists of bird species and the numbers of individual birds observed, names of leader(s) and observers, distances driven and walked, and weather. This form follows one promoted by Jack Reddall (Reddall 1991, Echelmeyer et al. 2003). The first use of the name *The Lark Bunting* was for volume 7, number 3, December 1971: *The Lark Bunting, Monthly Report of Field Observations of the Denver Field Ornithologists*.

The *Lark Bunting* regularly contains an announcement of the program for the next month's meeting, the schedule of trips for the next month, a brief summary including names of observers for the previous month's trips, and a table showing the species names and number of birds recorded. These data form a valuable, very large published database. The table also shows the results of the weekly trips of the "Tuesday Birders," a new popular informal group made up mainly of retired folks. In recent years, a table showing additional reported sightings has been included. Copies of the *Lark Bunting* are available in the library of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The current editor is Veronica Holt; e-mail: veronicaholt@att.net.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert

The statewide Colorado Rare Bird Alert sponsored by DFO, and since 2002 co-sponsored by Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, was established in 1983 to replace the existing telephone tree. The RBA is one of the best in the country because it is updated regularly, often daily, especially during migration seasons and for particularly rare species as soon as possible. The phone number and access to the alert to report sightings is 303-659-8750; the RBA Coordinator will update if warranted. Membership in DFO supports the RBA.

Ptarmigan Award

The Ptarmigan Award is presented to DFO members selected for their outstanding service to the Denver Field Ornithologists and to the study of birds in Colorado. The award was initiated in 1988 to recognize Ruth Wheeler, the only living 1935 Charter member of the Club, and Thompson Marsh, prominent Denver birder and leader of DFO field trips. The award consists of a framed certificate and a framed photo taken by Duane Nelson of a pair of White-tailed Ptarmigan in a winter scene on Guanella Pass. Subsequent recipients of the award are Jack Reddall, Harold Holt, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Robert Andrews, Robert

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Righter, Patty Echelmeyer, Robert Spencer, Duane Nelson, Catherine Hurlbutt, Lynn Willcockson, Warren Finch, Glenn Hageman, and Karleen Schofield.

Education Endowment Fund

In September 1994, the Education Endowment Fund was established in the will of artist and DFO member Mary Hope Robinson, who left \$15,200 to the Denver Field Ornithologists for that purpose. Since then, memorial and member contributions have been added to the Fund; receipts to the Fund have totaled over \$24,000 through 2002. Accumulated yearly interest since 1994 totals more than \$7,000, which has been dispersed for grants to various organizations and individuals for educational bird projects (Hageman 2002). The fund contributed to the publication of the *Birds of Barr Lake and Surrounding Areas 1888 through 1999* (Andrews et al. 2002). Grant proposals must be made to the DFO Treasurer by January 31 of each year and the awards are announced in May. Personal contributions to the fund may be made by check to DFO designated for the fund and sent to the Treasurer, Glenn Hageman.

Membership

Membership in DFO supports birdwatching as an active sport and the various activities of DFO, such as monthly meetings, field trips, DCBC, RBA, and the Educational Endowment Fund. Members receive the monthly *Lark Bunting*. At the end of 2002, there were 393 members. Regular family membership dues are \$20 and student membership (age 18 and younger) is \$5. A Membership Application Form is in the *Lark Bunting* and on the DFO website: <http://www.dfobirders.org>. Fill out the form and include a check made out to DFO and send to the Treasurer, Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden Street, Denver, CO 80224-1249. He may also be contacted by phone (303) 322-6589 and e-mail hageman1650@earthlink.net.

In April 2002, the DFO Board voted to form a twinning relationship with the Angus and Dundee Bird Club in Montrose Basin on the east coast of Scotland, website: <http://angusbirding.homestead.com/ADBC.html>. This will provide both DFO and ADBC opportunities to exchange educational birding experiences (Holt 2002)—and when you go to Scotland, the opportunity to go on one of their field trips.

Invitation

Birders of Colorado are invited to join and take part in the Denver Field Ornithologists' activities. DFO has become an important part of Colorado birding to enjoy, learn more about bird beauty and songs, to explore new places to bird, share our birding interests, meet old and new birding friends, and most importantly to benefit the birds.

Acknowledgments

The detailed reviews of an early draft of the manuscript as well as later correspondence by Patty Echelmeyer, Hugh Kingery, and Dick Schottler were especially helpful in making the report more readable, complete, and accurate, as were specific comments by Glenn Hageman, Toni Rautus, and Robert Righter.

Oops!

There was a mistake in the November 2003 Additional Reports. The Cattle Egret reported by Karleen Schofield was seen on October 13, not November 13 as we printed. Sorry for the error.

Welcome New Members!

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What a wonderful way to start off 2004—thank you all so much for your support.



Forfar, Scotland

December 17th, 2003
From: Veronica Holt

I set off from Arbroath (seat of the 13th Century Declaration of Scottish Independence—not that it did us much good!), to Forfar, (capital of the county of Angus, down narrow one-lane roads on the left side of the road, driving at the required Scottish break-neck speed).



Bob McCurley, President of the Angus and Dundee Bird Club, Veronica Holt, DFO, and Angus Provost Bill Middleton.

The morning's signing of the Twinning Charter between the local Angus and Dundee Bird Club (ADBC) and the Denver Field Ornithologists (DFO) was viewed as a very important occasion, and we were excited that discussions over the past year between our two clubs had reached the point of signature.

Provost Bill Middleton, wearing his impressive chain of office (the chain dates back to the 16th Century, the pendant is modern reflecting the new local governmental agreement of the county of Angus) was most gracious in his welcomes.

As he said in his opening speech, "The Twinning Charter commits both clubs to establishing and

maintaining friendly relations with each other, encouraging and assisting in the exchange of educational birding experiences for their members, fostering and developing mutual understanding and respect between members of the clubs, and encouraging and assisting in the exchange of information related to the field of ornithology, bird identification, protection of habitat and bird conservation."

The event made the inside front page of the Dundee Courier and Advertiser with the headline: "*Birds of a Feather Flock Together*" and our clubs were given almost 10 column inches of space! Great publicity for the ADBC, whose 2002 Annual Report is a testament to the hard work of many local birders who submitted almost 9,000 records. Dan Carmichael, the official County Bird Recorder, wrote that the surveys of Rooks, Beached Birds, Corn Buntings and Mute Swans were a critical component of the year's activities. Specifically, the Beached Bird Survey, coordinated in 2002 by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds takes place over a February weekend, when 700 volunteers walked beaches around the UK coastline, covering a total of 2498 km. The survey recovered 2243 dead birds, of which 2100 were "seabirds" including ducks, divers and grebes. In Angus, four observers walked nearly 30 km of sandy shoreline between Broughty Ferry and Montrose, with most sections reporting no dead or oiled birds. Good news for local birders who live with the presence and issues generated by the many oil rigs in the North Sea.

The documentation of the signing of the Charter, and all associated materials, will reside with Warren Finch, historian of DFO. His article on page 4, describes the background behind the twinning charter. Following the signing in Scotland, the Charter will be officially ratified in June when members of ADBC visit Colorado for the clubs' first birding trip to the Colorado Rockies.



Group photo of the ADBC members who attended the twinning charter formalities in Forfar, Scotland

December 2003 Field Trip Table

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS		TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	6	7	2				
	BOU	LON	SOU				
Pied-billed Grebe		1	3				4
Eared Grebe		4					4
Western Grebe		1					1
American White Pelican		1	3				4
Great Blue Heron		6	3				9
Canada Goose		495	30				525
Gadwall		26	38				64
American Wigeon		17	4				21
Mallard		237	130				367
Northern Shoveler		18	3				21
Northern Pintail		2	3				5
Green-winged Teal		2	10				12
Redhead		6	2				8
Ring-necked Duck		94	11				105
Lesser Scaup			4				4
Oldsquaw		1	1				2
Bufflehead		38	22				60
Common Goldeneye		2100	25				2125
Hooded Merganser		4	20				24
Common Merganser		2100	19				2119
Red-breasted Merganser		2					2
Bald Eagle	23	18	2				43
Northern Harrier	4	6	1				11
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2						2
Red-tailed Hawk	38	9	1				48
"Harlan's" race	2						(2)
Ferruginous Hawk	5	1					6
Rough-legged Hawk	1						1
buteo sp.	5	1					6
Golden Eagle	5	1					6
American Kestrel	20	5	1				26
Prairie Falcon	1						1
American Coot		30	55				85
Killdeer		2	1				3
Ring-billed Gull		205	11				216
Herring Gull		10					10
Lesser Black-backed Gull		1					1
Rock Dove		3	9				12
Great Horned Owl	1	1	1				3
Belted Kingfisher		4	1				5
Downy Woodpecker			1				1
Northern Flicker		3	11				14
"Red-shafted" race		(3)					(3)
Northern Shrike		1					1
Blue Jay		3					3
Black-billed Magpie		1	2				3
American Crow		200	4				204
Common Raven			1				1
Horned Lark		42					42
Black-capped Chickadee			5				5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1				1
American Robin		2	4				6
European Starling		9	110				119
American Tree Sparrow		15	2				17
Song Sparrow		1	4				5
White-crowned Sparrow		12	2				14
Dark-eyed Junco			3				3
Red-winged Blackbird		100	42				142
Western Meadowlark		8					8
House Finch		3	37				40
American Goldfinch		3	2				5
House Sparrow		4	30				34
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	105	5859	676	0	0	0	6,639
TOTAL SPECIES	11	51	45	0	0	0	59

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules: www.dfobirders.org.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership

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"Optics - What You Didn't Know to Ask"

**DFO Feature Presentation Wednesday
March 3rd 2004, 7:30 pm**

Roy Halpin of Ft. Collins has been an optics specialist since 1980. He has worked for five optic companies and is currently working for an international sport optics company in market research specializing in optical product development. Roy started birding in 1992 and is a pioneer in the art of DigiScoping. Roy has been an active member of CFO, FOS, AOS, Florida Audubon, CBC and a Century Club Member of ABA.

Mark Your Calendar

- ☐ April's speaker is Scott Menough's featuring "Planting Natural Habitats" (yes, spring is coming). The May 5th meeting will be devoted to Warblers, with Ted Floyd.

Location Reminder: The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room.



DFO Field Trips for March 2004

Saturday March 6

Bear Creek Lake Park

Leaders: Marilyn and Dave Binkley

Meet leaders at 02:30PM just inside the entrance gate at Bear Creek Lake Park. (Cost is \$4 per car; \$3 per car for those 62 and older). Park is just east of C470 on Morrison Road. We will look at lots of divers and dabblers and we will look for Great Horned Owls in two different locations in the park. Habitats will include lakes, riparian/woods, and prairie. Park closes and locks at 6pm.

Sunday March 7

Greater Denver Area Hot Spots

Leader: Allison Hilf 303-369-2541

Meet Leader at 08:30AM. Call for meeting place. Depending on locations of recent sightings, we may head east, west, north or south. We will not head home, however, until mid-afternoon, so bring lunch. If there are no sightings worth chasing, we will head north to the Barr Lake Periphery, looking for raptors and nesting owls.

Saturday March 13

Longmont Area (LON)

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 08:00 AM at Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th & Pace. From I-25 take exit 240 and go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder/County Line Rd., then 2 miles to Jim Hamm Park. From Jim Hamm Park, go one mile west to Safeway parking lot. States Parks Pass needed. ¾ day trip, bring lunch.

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DFO Field Trips for March 2004, continued**Sunday March 14*****Mountain Birds [MB]***

Leader: Warren Finch, 303-233-3372

Meet leader 07:30AM at RTD Cold Springs Park and Ride, 6th Ave. & Union (south side). Call leader if going and to aid car pooling - 4-wheel drive necessary. Guanella Pass (11,700 ft, cold, windy, deep snow, difficult hike), Georgetown, Empire, South Chicago Creek, and other areas as weather permits... Be prepared for a full day trip.

Friday March 19 - Sunday March 21***Kearney, Nebraska - Sandhill Crane Migration***

Leader: Jackie King 303-287-1644

Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 19-21 Leader: Jackie King 303-287-1644 or email at jackie.king@ccd.edu Contact leader if going to arrange carpools since we do not want to leave cars parked just anywhere for three days. Plan to bring lunch for three days then have breakfast and dinner at moderately priced restaurants. We will be staying at a motel in Kearney, Nebraska. We will leave Friday morning at 8:30, drive to Lake McConaughy and lunch while watching the waterfowl. Will drive on to Kearney and check in for the night then watch the fly-in of the cranes. Will rise early Saturday and watch the fly-out and then bird watch all day long. Will bird Monday while driving leisurely back to Denver and will leave Lake McConaughy about noon on Monday and arrive in Denver by 5 pm Monday. Call leader for details.

Saturday March 20***Pueblo Area***

Leader: David Silverman 1-719-489-3565

Meet leader in Pueblo at 0900 at South Marina of Pueblo Reservoir.

Hwy 50 west, past K-Mart, turn left (south) on Pueblo Blvd, go 4 to 5 miles, then go west on CO state Hwy 96 to Pueblo Reservoir. Call Toni Rautus 303-422-7322 for carpool information. States Park Pass required. Bring Lunch; ¾ day trip.

Saturday March 27***Canon City***

Leader: David Pantle 1-719-275-8208

Meet Leader at his home 1826 Flora Ct., in Canon City at 09:00AM. Call Meredith Anderson, 303-280-8576 for carpool information. Will carpool from Southmoor Park N Ride: from I-25 take Hampden Ave East to Monoco, then South 0.3 miles to Magnolia Way. Park N Ride on right, meet in north east corner of lot. Will meet at 0630 to carpool. This is a two hour drive from Denver in good weather. This field trip will also be attended by members of the Arkansas Valley Audubon Society. Full day trip - lunch provided.

Sunday March 28***Dry Creek Open Space***

Leader: Meredith Anderson 303-280-8576

Meet Leader at 08:30AM, west of the Library at Front Range Community College, which is located on 112th between Federal and Sheridan Blvds. This will be an easy hike on paved trails. Half-day trip.

Oops and Apologies

From the Editor: The article "Watching Birds since 1935" written by DFO historian Warren Finch, published in last month's Lark Bunting, inadvertently omitted to credit and thank the Colorado Field Ornithologists for their permission to reprint. The oversight is regretted and we thank CFO and specifically Doug Faulkner in allowing us to reprint it.

As specifically requested by Warren Finch (author): "The article "..." printed in the last issue was reprinted from the October 2003 issue of Colorado Birds, The Colorado Field Ornithologist Quarterly, v. 37, no. 4, p. 180-186 with permission of the Editor, Douglas Faulkner".

Additionally, because of space constraints, we were obliged to save the bibliography references until this issue, which is reprinted in its entirety below.

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January 2004 Field Trip Summaries

January 3, Saturday *88th and the South Platte*

January 4, Sunday *Northeastern Colorado- Barr Lake and Barr Lake Periphery
and Ft Morgan Area (NOR)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1700. **Distance:** 167 miles by car. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Cold, overcast in am, clearing in pm, 16-28°F north wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 6503 individuals.

January 10, Saturday *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Jill Boice, Peggy Fitzgerald, Peggy Hankins, Nancy Hawkins, Neil Montague, Bob Montgomery, Daren O'Brien, Sally Plummer, Laura Rea, Bob Rohwedder, Warren Roske, Mary Stallings, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Jan Tesone, Barbara Thomas, Jim Wade, Diane Wagner, Rob Wilson. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lowland riparian, lakes and ponds, marsh, urban park. **Weather:** Clear, 31-62°F, no wind. **Totals:** 36 species, 467 individuals.

January 11, Sunday *South Platte-St Vrain Rivers (SOU)*

Leader(s): Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Peggy Hankins, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Richard Mendez, Larry and Ronnie Wilson. **Time:** 0900-1630. **Distance:** 60 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, agricultural, elevation 4000-5000'. **Weather:** Clear, nice winter day, 40-50°F. **Totals:** 43 species, 23,757 individuals.

January 17, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. **Observers:** Paul Differding, Peggy Fitzgerald, Allen Hagood, Peggy Hankins, Terry McEntee, Bob Rohwedder, Mary Stallings, Barbara Thomas, Eleanor White. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 14 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, river riparian, plains, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy turning sunny, 25-45°F, no wind. **Totals:** 29 species, 1334 individuals.

January 18, Sunday *Pueblo (PUE)*

Leader(s): Tammy Ellsworth and Ira Sanders. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Peter Frechtel, Allen Hagood, Peggy Hankins, Charlie Lawrence, Gary Mathews, Bob Rohwedder, Dick Schottler, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0800-1600. **Distance:** 33 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir open water, urban. **Weather:** Clear, 16-44°F, north-northwest wind, 0-18 mph. **Totals:** 70 species, 1858 individuals.

January 24, Saturday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Bob and Lea Ann Brown. **Observers:** Patty Berry, Debra Bogar, Paul Differding, Allen Hagood, Elizabeth Hubbell, Joe Krieg, Paulina Siraa, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0800-1145. **Distance:** 9.5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Open fields, riparian groves, marshy margins, small areas of open water, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 35-50°F, wind mostly calm. **Totals:** 30 species, 438 individuals.

January 25, Sunday *South Platte River, Florida to Mineral Aves (SOU)*

Leader(s): JB Hayes. **Observers:** Alison Donnelly, Allen Hagood, Peggy Hankins, Paulina Siraa, Anne Southcott. **Time:** 0900-1400. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban river and ponds, sparse riparian, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Cloudy to clear to snow showers, 21-40°F, west wind, 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 38 species, 1656 individuals.

January 31, Saturday *Boulder (BOU)*

Tuesday Birders

January 6

Cancelled due to inclement weather

January 2004 Field Trip Summaries, continued

January 13

Chatfield Nature Preserve

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 43. **Time:** 0900-1130. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Sunny, 35-58°F, wind calm. **Totals:** 20 species, 436 individuals.

January 20

Bear Creek Greenbelt (Old Stone House)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 17. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow with grass meadows, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Light snow falling, 30-32°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 20 species, 177 individuals.

January 27

Red Rocks & Morrison Parks

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Foot-hills, shrubland, riparian, city park, elevation 5800-6360'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 26-38°F, west wind, 0-10 mph with gusts to 20. **Totals:** 21 species, 143 individuals.

Please note that our compiler Debra Bogar was unable to input all trip information; we will include the missing data in next month's issue.

January 2004 Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Pied-billed Grebe	1/10	1	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Greater White-fronted Goose	1/13	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Bob Spencer
Snow Goose	1/30	16	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Bob Spencer
Long-tailed Duck	12/10	1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Barrow's Goldeneye	12/2-12/10	1m	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/24	2	Greeley Gravel Ponds	Weld	Bob Spencer, m.ob.
Ruddy Duck	1/8	1f	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Virginia Rail	1/22	3	WRGB/Bass Lake marsh	Jefferson	Bob Spencer, Dick Schlottler
California Gull	1/27	6	Prince Lake #1	Boulder	Bob Spencer
Glaucous Gull	12/29	1 1st yr	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Glaucous Gull	1/27	1	Prince Lake #1	Boulder	Bob Spencer
Glaucous-winged Gull	1/27	1	Prince Lake #1	Boulder	Bob Spencer
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	12/20	1i	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Canyon Wren	1/9	1	Red Rocks	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Marsh Wren	1/24	1	Greeley Poudre Trail	Weld	Bob Spencer
American Dipper	1/2	1	Clear Creek Golden	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Palm Warbler	1/19	1	Residence Highlands Ranch	Douglas	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Pine Warbler	1/24	1	Greeley High School	Weld	Bob Spencer & Bryan Guarante
Cassin's Finch	1/3	11	4430 Gladiola Golden	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Swamp Sparrow	1/7	1	So. Boulder Dr & 75th	Boulder	Bob Spencer

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in bold type : a=adult, i=immature, m=mate, f=female, s=singing, bas=basal plumage, alt=alternate plumage.

Thanks for these reports. Additional Reports should be sent to Elna Cain email: Elnacain13@aol.com.

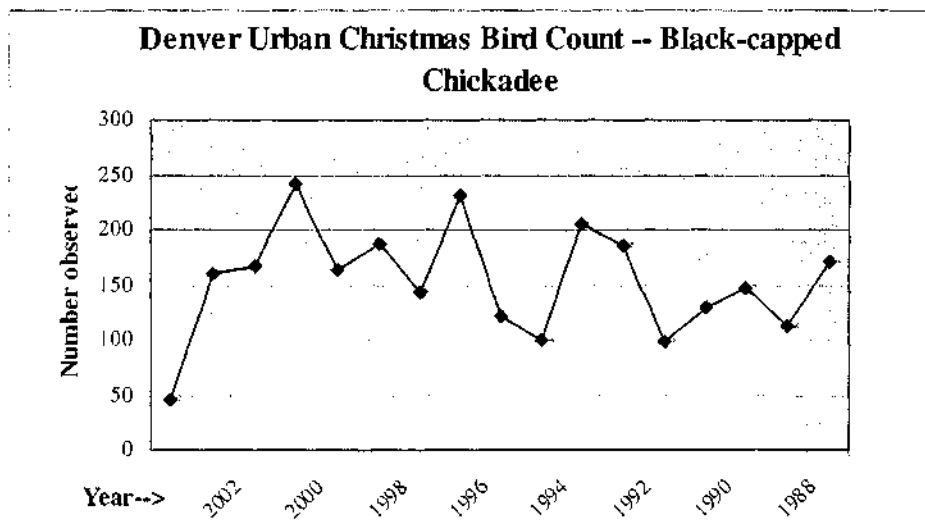
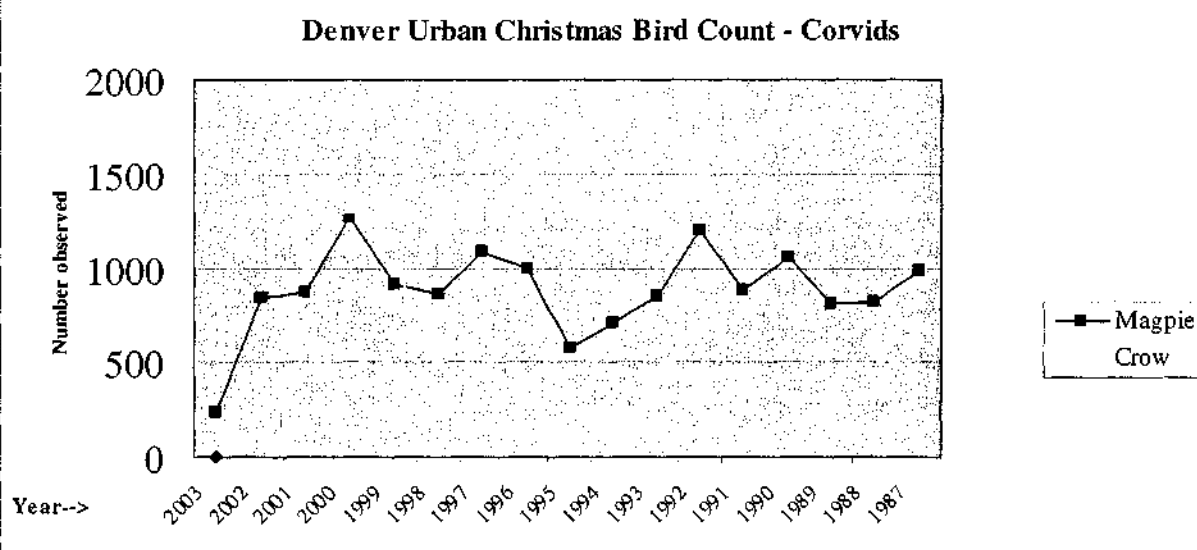
2003 Urban Denver Christmas Bird Trends

A Note from Hugh Kingery

Christmas bird counts this season produced some trends worth talking about. A caveat: one year doesn't really make a trend – you have to study these things over a period of years, and next year might return to normal. That said, our counts showed a striking drop by magpies and chickadees, but not crows.

Combining three Denver-area counts (Denver, Denver (urban), and Douglas County) shows the pattern. The three counts tallied 732 magpies and 571 black-capped chickadees, 40% and 51% of the 10-year average of the three counts (1843 and 1112). The Urban count showed the most drastic drop, with the two species coming in at 28% and 32 % of the 10-year average. The graphs depict the trends for the Urban Count. Counts on the plains (John Martin, Rocky Ford, Bonny Res.) show the same trend for chickadees.

On the other hand, Denver and Douglas County had the highest counts of crows ever (The Douglas counted almost twice the previous high.), and Denver Urban had 127% of average. All three counts had lots of Ruby-crowned Kinglets (40 on Denver alone, ten times average and four times the previous high). The counts also tallied large numbers of Tree Sparrows: the 415 on the Urban count was 162% of the 10-year average, and 463 on Douglas County beat the previous high of 210 and over three times the 10-year average of 122.



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2003 Urban Denver Christmas Bird Count

	Jan 1 2004	TOTAL	SPSo	SPNo	RMA	Mrb	Aurora	Creek	CC Res	SHrp	N Hrp	Fmt	Rk H	Zoo	DCC	Fdr
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	13	14	15	Fdr
	#SPECIES		34	46	54	26	41	35	42	24	22	29	23	22	18	25
	TOTAL	41556	4990	4432	4125	2330	2621	1261	7964	979	812	4826	1991	3346	224	1655
XX	Trumpeter Swan	1			1											
XX	Gr. White-fronted Goose	2										1	1			
XX	Snow Goose	8			8											
XX	Canada Goose	17403	2590	185	2255	345	831	350	4750	500	260	3723	765	842	7	[626]
XX	Wood Duck	96								52			13	31		
XX	Gadwall	409	227	150	3		20	4	5							
XX	Am Wigeon	296	24	45	14		70	6		14		104		7		12
XX	Mallard	2327	391	110	27	8	138	201	100	183	10	178	118	752	45	66
XX	Shoveler	806	257	450			1	13		4		30	29	22		
XX	Pintail	60	2	48	8									2		
XX	Gr-wg Teal	206	81	54	26		28	16	1							
XX	Canvasback	52		50	2											
XX	Redhead	99		1	97									1		
XX	Ring-neck Duck	90	28	18	31		7					6				
XX	Lesser Scaup	19		4	6		9									
XX	Long-tailed Duck	1							1							
XX	Bufflehead	55	27	27	1											
XX	Com Goldeneye	261	48	44	12		4	3	125			9	16			
XX	Barrow's Goldeneye	3	2						1							
XX	Hooded Merganser	62	38	16	1				6					1		
XX	Com Merganser	2074	34	7	23				2000			6	2	2		
XX	Red-breasted Merganser	13							13							
x	Duck(sp)	40			40											
XX	R-N Pheasant	2			1				1							
XX	Western Grebe	2		1					1							
XX	Pied-bld Grebe	1							1							
XX	Great Blue Heron	10	4	3			1			1						1
XX	Bl- or Night Heron	32	25	3				2							2	
XX	Northern Harrier	13		1	7	2	1		2							
XX	Bald Eagle	32			16		3	1	12							
x	Adult	[22]			[11]		[3]	[1]	[7]							
x	Immature	[10]			[5]				[5]							
XX	Sharp-shin Hawk	14	1	1		3	1	2			1					5
XX	Cooper's Hawk	3				1		1						1		
XX	Red-tailed Hawk	50	1	3	16	6	7	5	4	6	1	1				
XX	Ferruginous Hawk	5			2		3									
XX	Rgh-legged Hawk	4	1		3											
x	Buteo(sp)	1						1								
XX	Golden Eagle	3		1	2											
XX	Am Kestrel	43	2	4	5	17	2	2				9	1		1	
XX	Merlin	2			1			1								
XX	Prairie Falcon	4			4											
XX	Virginia Rail	3							3							

2003 Urban Denver Christmas Bird Count, continued

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XX	Am Coot	133	1	125				3			1	3				
XX	Killdeer	27	11	14				1		1						
XX	Wilson's Snipe	19		6	1		5	5								2
XX	Ring-billed Gull	2103	293	600	77	140	74	94	475	1	10	192	131	9	1	[42]
XX	Herring Gull	154	2	2				150								
XX	Glaucous Gull	1						1								
XX	Rock Pigeon	1903	351	53	37	575	180		6		61	148	123	273	4	92
XX	Mourning Dove	23		1	13		4		5							
XX	Barn Owl	1			1											
XX	E Screech Owl	2														2
XX	Great Horned Owl	12			8	1	1		2							
XX	Long-eared Owl	6			6											
XX	Belt Kingfisher	31	7	6	1		2	6	4		2	1			1	1
XX	Downy Woodpecker	31	2		4	1	1	4		2	2	1	1	1	1	11
XX	Hairy Woodpecker	4			2							2				
XX	N Flicker	242	9	2	52	11	11	23	12	6	14	23	13	5	2	59
XX	Northern Shrike	6			2	1			2	1						
XX	Steller's Jay	1														1
XX	Blue Jay	18			1		3			3	1		1			9
XX	W. Scrub Jay	1														1
XX	Magpie	250	17	8	88	15	17	5	5	9	13	19	4	11	3	36
XX	Crow	821	225	1		2	220	84	5	6	101	24	61	9	2	81
XX	Horned Lark	123			123											
XX	B-cap Chickadee	51	4	2	3	2	2	1	4	4		1		4		24
XX	Red-br Nuthatch	1										1				
XX	Brown Creeper	5									2		3			
XX	Marsh Wren	2							2							
XX	Golden-crowned Kinglet	6	6													
XX	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	11		3		1	1	2	1						2	1
XX	Townsend's Solitaire	5								2		2	1			
XX	Am Robin	331	4		3	1	55	41	8	46	7	63	4		49	50
XX	Starling	6147	226	2000	69	800	515	268	20	11	154	180	475	1129	86	214
XX	Cedar Waxwing	21														21
XX	Spotted Towhee	4								2						2
XX	Am Tree Sparrow	415	2	8	367		26	2	10							
XX	Song Sparrow	81	1	10	37	3	14	1	9	1	5					
XX	White-cr Sparrow	161		7	75	32	35	3	7		2					
XX	Dark-eyed Junco (fawn)	326			113			40	115	20		16		20		2
x	White-winged	6		1				2			1					2
x	Slate-colored	85		4	52		1	5			1			1		21
x	Oregon	66	8	15	5	5		1		1	3		3	2	5	18
x	Pink-sided	79		15	16		23	6		6	4					9
x	Gray-headed	4								1						3

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XX	Red-wg Blackbird	649		285	80	22	150		75	12		25				
XX	WMackw/blk	91			74	6	10		1							
XX	Brewers Blackbird	14		13			1									
XX	Com Grackle	9					2	1				1		5		
XX	Huse Finch	893	5	18	189	90	105	31	9	51	96	21	49	14	8	207
XX	Am Goldfinch	40		1	4			13	7		8					7
XX	Huse Sparrow	1534	27	6	10	240	37	14		34	52	38	174	22	3	697

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January 2004 Field Trip Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	3 88TH	4 NOR	10 WHE	11 SOU	17 CHA	18 PUE	24 CHE	25 OVE	31 BOU	6 -	13 CHA	20 BEA	27 RED	
Red-tailed Hawk		14		41	6	2	4	3			2	2		74
western races					6									(6)
"Harlan's" race				2										(2)
Ferruginous Hawk				10		1								11
Rough-legged Hawk		1		1										2
buteo sp.				1	1									2
American Kestrel		18		16	1	1	1	1			1	1		40
Prairie Falcon				1										1
falcon sp.				1										1
Ring-necked Pheasant		1												1
Scaled Quail						40								40
American Coot			23	10	1	20	3	8						65
Killdeer			1	2	5	2		1						11
Wilson's Snipe			1			4								5
Pink-billed Gull		11	75	20	6	300	25	150						587
California Gull						2								2
Herring Gull						4		2						6
Great Black-backed Gull						1								1
Rock Dove		37	2	30		8	1	165			45	9	18	315
Eurasian Collared-dove						2								2
White-winged Dove						2								2
Mourning Dove		12	3	1		6						10		32
Great Horned Owl				1		1					1			3
Belted Kingfisher			1	2	3	1	2	3				4		16
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker													1	1
Downy Woodpecker		1	1	1		1	1	1			1		3	10
Northern Flicker		5	4	5	13	10	1	11			9	10	2	70
"Red-shafted" race		(5)	(4)		(13)	(10)								(32)
Say's Phoebe						1								1
Northern Shrike				1		1	2						1	5
Stellar's Jay													1	1
Blue Jay				2		1						3		6
Western Scrub Jay											1		13	14

January 2004 Field Trip Table, continued

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	88TH	NOR	WHE	SOU	CHA	PUE	CHE	OVE	BOU	CHA	BEA	RED		
Black-billed Magpie		12	3	6	8	10	7	3			3		1	53
American Crow			8		50		4	9			49	6	1	127
Common Raven						2		3						5
Horned Lark		1240		800	3	100								2143
Black-capped Chickadee			5				6				6		8	25
Bushtit						15								15
White-breasted Nuthatch			1											1
Rock Wren						1								1
Winter Wren				1										1
American Dipper			2										3	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2			5		2				3	2	14
Mountain Bluebird						6								6
Townsend's Solitaire						5							2	7
American Robin		3		5		3	1						5	17
Curve-billed Thrasher						1								1
European Starling		430	17	10000	150	10	31	425			53	4		11120
American Pipit						4								4
Spotted Towhee						1							2	3
American Tree Sparrow		60			6	10	8				19	12		115
Song Sparrow		3	3	3	2	5	2	1			2	1	2	24
White-crowned Sparrow		30		12		50		5			1			98
Dark-eyed Junco		25	5		4	50	2	2			1		40	129
"Slate-colored" race													1	(1)
"Oregon" race		25			1								1	(27)
"Pink-sided" race					3								2	(5)
"Gray-headed" race													2	(2)
Lapland Longspur						1								1
Snow Bunting		1												1
Red-winged Blackbird		1360		500	2	100	2				85		4	2053
Western Meadowlark		166		50		4	1							221
Yellow-headed Blackbird		4												4
Brewer's Blackbird				15										15
Great-tailed Grackle		14												14
Cassin's Finch						3								3
House Finch		12	13	4		30	9	8			16	10	20	122
American Goldfinch				1	1								2	4
House Sparrow		425	4	40		3		45			15		12	544
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	0	6503	467	23757	1334	1858	438	1656	0	0	436	177	143	36,769
TOTAL SPECIES	0	34	36	43	29	70	30	38	0	0	20	20	21	91

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

DFO 2003 Statement of Operations

GENERAL FUND		EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND	
BALANCE, December 31, 2002	<u>\$ 16,404.72</u>	BALANCE, December 31, 2002	<u>\$ 24,071.23</u>
RECEIPTS		RECEIPTS	
2003 Membership Dues			
Received in 2002	\$ 3,580.00	Member Contributions	\$ 427.00
Received in 2003	<u>\$ 3,520.00</u>	Interest	<u>\$ 708.85</u>
Total Dues	\$ 7,100.00		
Interest Earned	\$ 272.22	Total	\$ 1,135.85
Colorado Bird Report	\$ 694.00		
Book Shop	\$ 447.90	DISBURSEMENTS	
Tuesday Birders	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	Grants	<u>\$ 825.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 8,614.12</u>	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 310.85</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Printing/Mailing Lark Bunting	\$ 6,590.38	BALANCE, December 31, 2003	<u>\$24,382.08</u>
Museum	\$ 250.00		
Colorado Bird Report	\$ 52.19		
Book Shop	\$ 239.77	RESERVE FUND	
Liability Insurance	\$ 831.00		
Honoraria	\$ 25.00	No Change	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Administrative	\$ 182.02		
Bird Trips	<u>\$ 142.19</u>		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 8,312.55</u>		
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS	\$ 301.57	MEMBERSHIP - 12/31/03	
ADJUSTMENTS		Total - 369	
Membership Dues - Prior Year	\$ (3,580.00)	New Members - 32	
Membership Dues - Next Year	<u>\$ 4,540.00</u>		
BALANCE, December 31, 2003	<u>\$ 17,666.29</u>		

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Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

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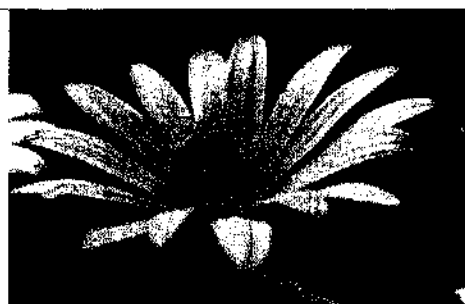
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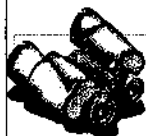


"Creating a Backyard Habitat for Wild Birds" DFO Feature Presentation, April 7 at 7:30 pm

Scott Menough will features the four elements necessary for bird survival and how to use these elements to attract wild birds to your "mini-habitat".

Scott Menough and his wife, Sandy, are owners of the Wild Birds Unlimited store at South Wadsworth and West Yale Avenue. For over 14 years they have brought people and nature together with the region's best selection of birding and bird feeding supplies.

Each year the Menoughs' Wild Birds Unlimited store hosts the post-Christmas Count compilation and DFO Board Meetings. Scott is a former Coordinator of DFO's Colorado Rare Bird Alert. Scott's brother and sister-in-law, David & Kathy, own Wild Birds Unlimited stores in Westminster and Thornton. Scott and David are co-hosts of the entertaining and informative "Early Birds" feature on John & Jeri's *Gardening with Altitude* radio program which airs Saturday mornings on AM 630 KHOW.



DFO Field Trips for April 2004

April 3, Saturday

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Mary C. Burger (303-771-3431)

Meet leader at 0800 just inside west gate, across from Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite on Union Ave. State Parks Pass needed. Bring lunch. Three-quarter day. Early migrants!

April 4, Sunday

Clear Creek and Golden area—Historic bird survey! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

Leader: Mike Foster (303-279-3026)

Call leader to sign up and get details of meeting time and place. "In 1909 Robert Rockwell and Alex Wetmore did an extensive pioneering survey of Jefferson County birds. Now through fall, Mike will be repeating some of their many field trips." Join him for an easy walk and take part in this exciting and interesting project. Half-day trip.

April 10, Saturday

South Platte Park

Leader: Dee DeJong (home: 303-973-4934; work: 303-730-1022)

Meet leader at 0800 on deck of Carson Nature Center, off intersection of Mineral and Santa Fe, just west of light-rail station. Leader is on park's staff so knows the area. Short trip for busy bunnies—8-10 a.m.—varied habitats.

April 11, Sunday EASTER—No trip!

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DFO Field Trips for April 2004, continued

April 14, Wednesday

Hawk Watch at Dinosaur Ridge

Leader: Dick Schottler (303-278-8035)

Meet leader at 0800 at Hawk Watch parking area. Take I-70 west to Morrison exit. Go left at light at exit ramp, then left at second turn into lot (southeast quadrant of intersection). Uphill walk is approximately ½ mile. Half-day trip; lunch optional. More than hawks!

April 17, Saturday

Colorado Springs area: Fountain Creek Regional Park and Big Johnson Reservoir

Leader: Ted Floyd (303-444-6365 or e-mail (preferred) tedfloyd@aba.org)

Meet leader at Nature Center; allow 1½ hours from Denver. Take I-25 to exit 132 (south of Colorado Springs). Go east on State highway 16 for approximately ½ mile until road forks. Take right fork (watch for fountain in creek!) for short distance to T intersection with traffic light, then right again (you'll be going south on Route 85/87) past Rice Lane (on right), then at Peppergrass Rd. (may be called Salt Marsh Rd.) turn right again for ½ mile. Road ends at parking lot of Nature Center. Three-quarter day at El Paso County's premier birding spots. Late wintering species, migrant passerines, lots of gulls and waterfowl. Rarities, probably!

April 18, Sunday

Bear Creek Lake Park, Morrison, Corvina Park (next part of Historic Bird Survey, see April 4)

Leader: Mike Foster (303-279-3026)

Call leader to sign up and get details of meeting time and place. Will be visiting several sites along Bear Creek's riparian habitats from plains to foothills. Full day; bring lunch and water. About 3-4 miles of walking; 200 feet up.

April 23-25, Friday-Sunday

Southeastern Colorado

Leader: Jackie King (303-287-1644)

Call leader for details. Some costs shared; bring lunch for three days, other meals at restaurants; motel in Lamar. More and different migrants.

April 24, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: David Rhoades (303-424-8633)

Call leader for details; number of participants limited. Lots of things to learn about this special place! David leads many trips here so knows what to look for where.

April 24, Saturday

Cherokee Ranch—Sedalia area

Leader: Lynn Willcockson (303-757-7000)

Meet at 0730 at new Sedalia postoffice. From intersection of Highways 85 and 105, take 105 south for about ¼ mile; postoffice is on right side of street. Bring lunch. May walk 2-3 miles. Lynn is a volunteer at the Ranch so he'll, as always, be a knowledgeable guide. Glad we can explore here!

April 25, Sunday

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Alison Donnelly (303-798-3766)

Meet leader at 0730 at the Discovery Pavillion. From C-470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south past Chatfield State Park entrance, to Waterton Rd. Turn left, then take first left into parking lot. Three-quarter day; bring lunch. A new leader—she'll fool you with her bird calls!

Welcome New Members!

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DFO Field Trip Summaries, February 2004

January 3, Saturday *88th and Platte River (PLA)*

Leader(s): Buzz Schaumberg. **Observers:** Lisa Carlson, Mary Lou Dimond, Peggy Fitzgerald, Richard Stanley. **Time:** 0900-1100. **Distance:** 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Streamside. **Weather:** cold and snow, 28°F. **Totals:** 20 species, 1264 individuals.

January 31, Saturday *Boulder County: Walden Ponds, Prince Lake No. 1, Prince Lake No. 2, Thomas Reservoir, Lafayette Holding Pond, Teller Lake No. 5 (BOU)*

Leader(s): Ted Floyd, Chris Wood. **Observers:** 39 people. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, ponds, riparian vegetation, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Snow, 30°F, east wind, 15 mph. **Totals:** 46 species, 5357+ individuals.

February 1, Sunday *Lake McConaughy, Nebraska (NEB)* Cancelled due to weather

February 7, Saturday *Boulder Hawk Run (BHR)*

Leader(s): Wayne & Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Larry & Roni Wilson, Richard Mendez, Peggy Hankins, Peter Fretchel, Pat Nitz from Ft Collins, Don & Cathy Cook from Boulder. **Time:** 0900-1730. **Distance:** 116 miles by car. **Totals:** 10 species, 128 individuals.

February 7, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee & Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Peggy Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Hubbell. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 18-51°F, calm. **Totals:** 26 species, 5996 individuals.

February 8, Sunday *Southwest Lakes(SOU)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Allison Donelly. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 31 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, wetlands, open space. **Weather:** Cloudy, snow forecast, 21-28°F, variable wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 26 species, 4027 individuals.

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DFO Field Trip Summaries, February 2004, continued

February 14, Saturday *Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)*

Leader(s): Bob Righter. **Observers:** Ron Carter, Mel & Elaine Emeigh, Warren Finch, Fred Griest, Christy Hennen, Dave Rhoades, Sheila Rhoades, Sue Schulman. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Aquatic, fields, trees, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Clear, 20-50°F, north wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 980 individuals.

February 15, Sunday *South Suburban Park & Carson Nature Center (CAR)*

Leader(s): Sue Schulman. **Observers:** Mike Foster, Fred Greist, Peter Frechtel, Ben Moore, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 0730-1200. **Distance:** 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoirs, wetlands, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Cold, light clouds, 25-40°F, no wind. **Totals:** 31 species, 392 individuals.

February 21, Saturday *Highland Canal at Greenwood Village (HIG)*

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Jill Boice, Allen Hagood, Peggy Hankins, Sally Plummer. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 3 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Suburban, mixed residential and open fields, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 30-35°F, wind calm. **Totals:** 24 species, 366 individuals.

February 22, Sunday *Wheatridge Green Belt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Tamie Bulow, Peggy Fitzgerald, Allen Hagood, Christy Honnen, David and Yvonne Keller, Richard Pinkham, Dave Rhoades, Karleen Schofield, Paulika Siraa, Mary Stalling, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** .25 by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Sunny, high scattered clouds, no precipitation, 45-55°F, no wind. **Totals:** 38 species, 732 individuals.

February 28, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Jill Boice, Dale Brous, Darren Brous, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Mike L, Mike Serruto, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 18 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, river riparian, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 28-42°F, no wind. **Totals:** 32 species, 830 individuals.

February 29, Sunday *Belmar Historic Park, Lakewood (BEL)*

Leader(s): Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0830-1030. **Distance:** 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake and wetland, grassland/meadow, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Sunny, 3" fresh snow, 28-35°F, north wind, 0-2 mph. **Totals:** 27 species, 406 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

February 3 *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell, Judy Miller, Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 35 (three groups). **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails, elevation 5386'. **Weather:** Overcast, 26-33°F, wind calm. **Totals:** 44 species, 1307 individuals.

February 10 *South Platte River and 88th North (SOU)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, agricultural, bicycle trail, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Sunny, 25-47°F, wind south-southwest, 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 408 individuals.

February 17 *South Platte River Drive and North on Bicycle Path From Grant-Frontier Park (SOU)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 37. **Time:** 0900-1130. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, bicycle path, elevation 5320'. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly cloudy, 38-52°F, wind southwest, 0-7 mph. **Totals:** 31 species, 507 individuals.

February 24 *Hudson Gardens and South on South Platte Bicycle Path (HUD)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel pits, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, russian olive, gardens, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 31-50°F, wind southeast, 7-12 mph. **Totals:** 35 species, 409 individuals.

Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Cinnamon Teal	2/22	1m	So. Platte River No. of 74th	Adams	(early) Kathy Mihm Dunning
Barrow's Goldeneye	2/21	1m	So. Platte Park/Cooley Lake	Arapahoe	Karleen Schofield, mo.b.
Barrow's Goldeneye	2/23	1m	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Mew Gull	2/21	1 2nd basic	So. Platte Park/Cooley Lake	Arapahoe	Karleen Schofield, mo.b.
Glaucous Gull	2/23	1 1st yr	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Swamp Sparrow	1/31	1 imm	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Paul Differding, Jill Holden
White-throated Sparrow	1/20	1m	Elizabeth	Elbert	Veronica Holt—winter resident.

Thank you! DFO members, please send your additional reports to Elna Cain at Elnacain13@aol.com.

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	3-Jan	31-Jan	7	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29	3	10	17	24	
	PLA	BOU	BHR	BAR	SOU	CHE	CAR	HIG	WHE	CHA	BEL	WHE	SOU	SOU	HUD	
Pied-billed Grebe				3			3		3			3			1	13
Double-crested Cormorant													1			1
Great Blue Heron	1						2		1						2	6
Black-crowned Night-Heron												1		2		3
Snow Goose				30												30
Canada Goose	200	3000		5000	3528	200	120	101	225	300	160	500	85	200	140	13759
Wood Duck								25								25
Gadwall	70	20			7	8	15		10	20	6	90	35	57	10	348
American Wigeon		150			2		8	2	15	10		70		16	4	277
Mallard	80	10		100	14	10	30	77	80	250	16	220	14	10	47	958
Northern Shoveler	460	1		300	37		16		4		86	25	120	24	1	1074
Northern Pintail	64	8		20		6				30			8			136
Green-winged Teal	51					10	2		6	25	6	37	34	11	23	205
Canvasback		20		1						3						24
Redhead		200		5	6				8	20	7					246
Ring-necked Duck		500		24	13		6		12	25	3	2	12	1		598
Lesser Scaup					1				4	2	7	4			7	25
Bufflehead	66	1					6		1	3				10	10	97
Common Goldeneye	60	20		12	16	15	10		13	2	3	9	15	12	8	195
Hooded Merganser	3	25				3			20		1	2	2	10	2	68
Common Merganser		25		80	2	500	4		16	5				2		634
Red-breasted Merganser									20			4				24
Bald Eagle	2	5	40	8	1	4	2			2			1			65
Northern Harrier	1	2	9	3		1										16
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1									1		2		4
Cooper's Hawk											1	1				2

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Red-tailed Hawk		5	43	2	9	4	3	1		5		1	2		2	77
western races						(4)	(2)									(6)
"Harlan's" race			1				1									(2)
Ferruginous Hawk			7													7
Rough-legged Hawk		2	1													3
buteo sp.			2										1			3
Golden Eagle			2												1	3
American Kestrel		5	20		1	1	1	2		1	2		4	1		38
Martin														1	1	2
Prairie Falcon			2													2
Ring-necked Pheasant				1		1										2
Virginia Rail												2				2
American Coot		10				15	16		25			22	1	3	2	94
Killdeer						1				1			1	1	3	7
Wilson's Snipe		1									2	1				4
Ring-billed Gull	170	1000		3	47	60	10	1	125	12	42	51	6	50	2	1579
California Gull		4														4
Herring Gull		25				6	1		1					1		34
Thayer's Gull		1														1
Lesser Black-backed Gull		1														1
Glaucous-winged Gull		1														1
Glaucous Gull		1														1
Fock Dove		25			74	6	15	3	1	2	4	25	28	30	7	220
Mourning Dove								1	2			5				8
Great Horned Owl			1									1				2
Long-eared Owl		3														3
Belted Kingfisher	1	3					1		4	3	1	4	2	2	1	22
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker								1								1
Downy Woodpecker	1					2			1		1	1	1			7
"eastern" race																(1)
Hairy Woodpecker																0
Northern Flicker		1		3	2	4	4	4	16	12	8	14		5	12	85
"Red-shafted" race				(3)				(4)		(12)	(8)					(27)
Northern Shrike										1						1
Blue Jay					4			5	5		1	5				20
Black-billed Magpie	2	1		1	10	10	4	2	7	5	4	10	3	2	5	66
American Crow					81	10	6	27		55	8		2	13	2	204
Common Raven		1			23											24
Horned Lark										3						3
Black-capped Chickadee		1			2	20		2	12	3		3		8	4	55
Red-breasted Nuthatch								1								1
White-breasted Nuthatch						2			4	1		1				8

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Brown Creeper									1			3			1	5
American Dipper		3								1		2				6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1		1			5	3	3	1	14
American Robin		2			2	1	2	12				3	2		1	25
European Starling		100				10	40	3	25	9	7	105	4	5	50	358
Yellow-rumped Warbler												3				3
Spotted Towhee								3								3
American Tree Sparrow	10	10				6	6		1	12		1	1		2	49
Song Sparrow	1	5		20		10	2	3	20	1	1	8	2		2	75
White-crowned Sparrow	20	10		6								14			21	71
"Carmel's" race		10														(10)
Dark-eyed Junco				28		15		6	10		3	11	2	7	4	86
"Slate-colored" race				(10)												(10)
"Oregon" race				(18)				(2)								(20)
"Pink-sided" race						1		(3)								(4)
"Gray-headed" race								1								(1)
Red-winged Blackbird		20		300	65	10	40	21	12		8	2		2	21	501
Western Meadowlark	1	1		5	13	6				6						32
Brewer's Blackbird		100														100
House Finch		2		14	10	2	6	59	5		14	20	1	12	5	150
American Goldfinch		1		15		1			1			5	1			24
House Sparrow		25		12	57	20	10	4	15		4	10	14	4	4	179
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1264	5357	128	5996	4027	980	392	366	732	830	406	1307	408	507	409	23,109
TOTAL SPECIES	20	46	10	26	26	34	31	24	38	32	27	44	30	31	35	79

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To submit documentation to the CBRC, a Sight Record Form should be filled out and if possible, should include photographs and/or videotapes. It is always important to get other observers to see the bird, verify your observation and send in a separate report. The seven-person CBRC reviews the documentation and then votes to "accept" or "not-accept" the record. These records are published yearly in *Colorado Birds: The Colorado Field Ornithologists' Quarterly*. In addition, all information submitted to the CBRC is retained in the record archives at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. A copy of the CBRC Sight Record form is always printed on the inside of Colorado Birds's mailer and is also posted on the Colorado Field Ornithologists' website.

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules: www.dfobirders.org.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

\$20.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

\$5 ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

☐ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert \$ _____

☐ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund \$ _____

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May 2004

"Advanced Warbler Identification" with Ted Floyd

DFO Feature Presentation,
Wednesday May 5, 7:30 pm

Ted Floyd, editor of ABA's *Birding* magazine, will speak on "Advanced Warbler Identification", which actually looks at the basics of warbler id. Ted notes that "feather birding" makes us lose sight of the critical "soft field marks" - size and shape, behavior and comportment, and the all-important "context" of a sighting. His presentation will be accompanied by slides of seemingly difficult little brown jobs that are in fact easy to identify - if you concentrate on their soft field marks.

Ted is a recovering feather birder, and his presentation will make ample use of real-life examples of warblers that he himself has misidentified, over the years, through the overzealous application of the "feather birding" process. This May presentation is the last until the monthly schedule resumes in September.

Location Reminder: Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science in the VIP room. Enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room.

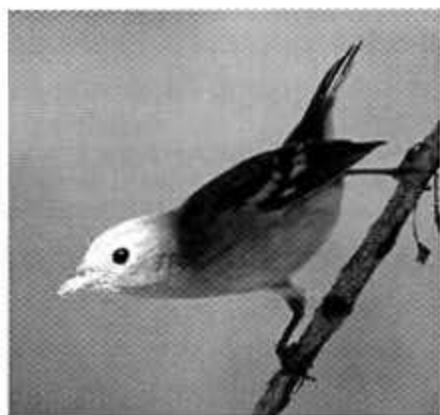


Photo of Chestnut-sided Warbler
by Tony Leukering

DFO Field Trips for May 2004

Saturday, May 1

Bluff Lake Nature Center

Leader: Mike Foster, 303-279-3026. Historic Bird Survey #4. While Rockwell and Wetmore in 1909 were mostly interested in documenting birds in the vicinity of Golden, they also visited a number of sites east of the foothills, to compare birds of the foothills with those of the plains. This wildlife refuge is in the Sand Creek Regional Greenway corridor, near the former Stapleton Airport. Exit I-70 east at Havana St. and head south: the road bends left and becomes Moline St. Look for entrance to Bluff Lake Center on the left. Meet leader at 06:30. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Sunday, May 2

Longmont/Lyons Area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0730 at Jim Hamm Park. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at 17th Ave. This will be a three-quarter to full day trip, so bring lunch and extra water. State Parks Pass needed.

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DFO Field Trips for May 2004, continued**25th SPRING COUNT – 2004 (May 6—May 9)****Thursday, May 6** *Cherry Creek Reservoir*

Leader: J. B. Hayes, 303-798-9683. Meet at 0700 at Marina on west side (near Cherry Creek high school) of Cherry Creek State Park.

Friday, May 7 *Lower Bear Creek*

Leader: Tamie Bulow, 303-462-1238. Meet at 0700 in front of Albertson's, northwest quadrant, South Sheridan Blvd. and Hampden.

Saturday, May 8*Barr Lake State Park*

Leader: Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035. Meet at 0630 at Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. Exit I-76 at Bromely Lane; go east about ¼ mile and turn right (south) on Lark Bunting Lane, to end of road. This is a ten-mile, all-day hike around the lake. State Parks pass required.

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet at 0600 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park. State Parks Pass required.

Waterton, downstream.

Leader: Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723. 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed. Meet at 0600 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning from Wadsworth (Colo. 121) onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon.)

Sunday May 9*Barr Lake periphery*

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet at 0700 on access road to entrance station at Barr Lake State Park. This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. Meet at 0630 at old entrance. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance. State Parks pass required.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723. Must register with leader in advance.

Clear Creek and Golden, then Lookout Mountain Nature Center

Leader: Mike Foster 303-279-3026. Historic Bird Survey #5. We'll start along Clear Creek then drive up to Lookout Mountain. A good opportunity to compare birds of two different ecosystems, as Rockwell and Wetmore did nearly 100 years ago. We may explore a nearby gulch. Half day trip, perhaps a bit more, so come prepared with a snack. Call Mike to sign up, and for meeting place and time.

Wednesday, May 12 *Belmar Historic Park*

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0700 for an early morning walk and bird for migrants around the grounds. This walk should end around 1000 although you are welcome to stay longer. The park is located at 800 South Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave and go 2 blocks straight ahead into Irongate parking lot and to lake. Bring water.

DFO Field Trips for May 2004, continued

Saturday, May 15 *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet leader at 0730 at fee station inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. All day trip, bring lunch and extra water. State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, May 15 *Rocky Mountain Arsenal*

Leader: Dave Rhoades 303-424-8633. The Rocky Mountain Arsenal is again permitting wildlife viewing trips. There are a limited number of participants who will be allowed to ride in the van and the trips tend to fill up quickly so contact the leader for reservations and meeting information. Dave Rhoades is a naturalist who volunteers at the RMA. The trip is planned for morning and early afternoon so bring lunch and extra water.

Sunday, May 16 *Barr Lake State Park*

Leaders: Marilyn and Lee Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800 for a half-day trip. Lunch is optional but State Parks Pass is required. This trip involves easy walking. From Denver, take East I-76 to Bromley Lane, Exit 22. Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road then turn south for approx. 2 miles to park entrance.

Saturday, May 22 *Pawnee National Grasslands*

Leaders: Ira Sanders & Tammy Ellsworth, 303-278-7172. Come and congratulate the newlyweds and join them for a full day of birdwatching! Meet at the Division of Wildlife at 6060 No. Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west 2 blocks to Broadway, then north 2 blocks to parking lot on right. Bring lunch and water. Should see warblers and plovers as well as lots of other birds.

Sunday, May 23 *Chico Basin Ranch*

Leader: Mike Foster, 303-279-3026. This site is one of the best in the state for spring migrants. Three years ago Mike found six species of warblers in late May, and such curiosities as red-headed woodpecker, willow flycatcher, scaled quail, plus many of our normal residents. Ten dollar per person fee is required (and well worth it) plus we will share the cost of a guide familiar with the ranch, another \$5-\$10 each. This trip is limited to the first 15 to sign up. Bring lunch, water, and snacks for a full day trip. Call Mike to sign up and for meeting place and time.

Saturday May 29 to Monday May 31 *Memorial Day trip to Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska*

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Call leader for meeting place and time. Will leave Saturday morning and drive to Lake McCoughney and bird there then stay overnight at the Shady Rest Motel in Oshgosh. Will leave early Saturday morning, breakfast may be at convenience store, bird Crescent Lake all day and stay overnight in Alliance at a small motel. Bring lunch for all three days, breakfast for one day if you don't like convenience store type food and lots of snacks and water. Will leave on Monday after birding another state wildlife area. We should arrive in Denver by 1800. We should see lots of shorebirds and prairie species. Nebraska State Parks Pass required.

Saturday May 29 *Rocky Mountain National Park*

Leader: To be announced, contact Jackie King at 303-287-1644 with questions. Meet leader at 0800 at Park Visitor's Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance on US 36. Bring lunch and water. Will look for nesting birds, especially woodpeckers. The entrance fee is \$15 per car.

Sunday, May 30 *Roxborough State Park*

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0800 at the Visitor's Center for a three and a half-hour walking tour on an easy trail. Should see golden eagles and species common in the foothills. State Parks Pass required or \$5 entrance fee per car. Lunch will be optional but there is a beautiful place to sit on the patio and watch the birds as you eat lunch. Take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield S.P. to Waterton Rd on left. Take Waterton Rd. 1.6 miles east to North Rampart Range Rd., turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to the park (2.2 miles.)

Scheduled by Jackie King - If you are interested in leading a field trip, please contact one of our field coordinators, you'll find their contact information on page 10.

DFO Field Trip Summaries, March 2004

March 6, Saturday *Bear Creek Lake Park (BEA)*

Leader(s): Marilyn and Dave Binkley. **Observers:** Toni Rautus, Tom Fouch, Sally Fouch, Em Putnam, Elizabeth Ogden, Richard Pinkham, Meredith Anderson, Christy Honnen, Tina Jones, Nina Routh, Mike Serruto, Allison Hilf. **Time:** 1430-1800. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 1.5 miles by foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, wooded riparian. **Weather:** Sunny, clear, breezy, 50s°F. **Totals:** 18 species, 262 individuals.

March 7, Sunday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Allison Hilf. **Observers:** Peter Frechtel, Margaret Smith, Ben Moore, Anne Somerville, Arlene Raskin, Jerry Raskin, Mike Long, Allen Hagood, Polleke Siraa. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Weather:** Sunny, west wind. **Totals:** 33 species, 569 individuals.

March 13, Saturday *Longmont Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Barbara Bathe, Peter and Linda Dilareure, Bob Evans, John Flavin, Peggy Hankins, Gordon Hodgson, Bob Hutchison, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Dick Pratt, Mike Serruto, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 30 miles by car. **Habitat:** Plains, agricultural, riparian, ponds, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 45-60°F, east wind, 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 43 species, 1494 individuals.

March 14, Sunday *Mountain Birds (MB)*

Leader(s): Warren Finch. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Allen Hagood, Gordon Hodgson, Neil Montague, Bob Rohwedder, Dick Schottler, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0730-1600. **Distance:** 121 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Forest, tundra, foothills. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, blizzard, 32-40°F, high to very high wind, 20-50 mph. **Totals:** 8 species, 119 individuals.

March 19, Friday-March 21, Sunday *Kearney, Nebraska - Sandhill Crane Migration (KEA)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Marylou Hartzog, Mike Long. **Time:** Fr 1300-1800, Sa 0900-2000, Su 1030-1630 for total of 22 hours. **Distance:** 596 miles by car. **Weather:** Warm and sunny but windy, 35-81°F, northeast wind, 8-25 mph. **Totals:** 45 species, 39332 individuals.

March 27, Saturday *Canon City (CAN)*

Leader(s): David Pantle. **Observers:** Mymm Ackley, Mary Jane Black, Chris Blakeslee, Mary Cay Burger, Mary Eleanor Cockerham, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Gordon Hodgson, Ellie Jones, Margie Joy, Charlie Lawrence, Tina Mitchell, Mike Mitton, Sherrill Pantle, Antony Peebles (London, UK), Judy Schaefer, Dick Schottler, Sue Schulman, Bob Spencer, Shirley Spencer, Richard Stevens, Irene Thompson, Jim Thompson, Claire van der Linde, Lynn Willcockson, Liz Willcockson, Sonny Zimmerman. **Time:** 0700-1600. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, residential, lake, pinyon-juniper, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Cloudy, 40-60°F, west wind, 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 61 species, 1155 individuals.

March 28, Sunday *Dry Creek Open Space (DRY)*

Leader(s): Meredith Anderson. **Observers:** Nina Routh, Andrea Barrett, John Glick, Celia Greenman, Robert W Hill Jr, Debra Bogar, Barbara Brown. **Time:** 0830-1130. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains, ponds, marsh. **Weather:** Cool, partly cloudy and windy early becoming increasingly cloudy and cooler with strong gusty winds; trip curtailed due to advancing snow flurries, 36-44°F. **Totals:** 27 species, 391 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

March 2 *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt from Youngfield West and Prospect Park Lake*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails, elevation 5386'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 33-48°F, southwest wind, 0-7 mph. **Totals:** 28 species, 481 individuals.

DFO Field Trip Summaries March 2004, continued

March 9 *Bear Creek Lake Park, Lakewood*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 35. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails and open fields, elevation 5800'. **Weather:** Sunny, 53-69°F, south wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 169 individuals.

March 16 *Chatfield State Park*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow and open grassy areas, elevation 5430'. **Weather:** Sunny, 51-60°F, variable wind, 10-20 mph. **Totals:** 22 species, 363 individuals.

March 23 *Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel pits, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, Russian olive, gardens, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Overcast, 60-70°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 26 species, 201 individuals.

March 30 *Lair O'The Bear Jeffco Open Space Park*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30 (three groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow and some ponderosa pine and blue spruce, elevation 6530'. **Weather:** Sunny, 53-68°F, southwest wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 17 species, 90 individuals.

Please note that we did not receive the information on the March 20, Pueblo Area trip and will include it in the next issue.

"Chickadees in Alaska are smarter than Colorado Chickadees..."

Or so says a researcher at the University of California Davis, and reported by Ned Rozell in the March 28th issue of the Anchorage Press. Black-capped chickadees from Anchorage were compared to chickadees in Windsor, Colorado, and it was found that the Alaska birds cached more sunflower seeds and found the seeds quicker when they later searched for them. They also had brains that contained more neurons than those in Colorado.



Vladimir Pravosudov of UCD performed the study to test the theory that northern birds would be better at hiding and finding seeds than birds in a more moderate climate. With the help of a local biologist, Pravosudov captured 15 black-capped chickadees at bird feeders around Anchorage, and later captured 12 black-capped chickadees near Windsor. All birds were brought to his lab, where he gave them the same food and amount of daylight for 45 days. After 45 days, he tested eight birds from Alaska, and eight from Colorado in a room with 70 caching holes drilled in wooden blocks and trees.

The theory being tested was whether northern birds are better at hiding and finding food because of shorter days and colder temperatures. The Alaska birds cached about twice as many sunflower seeds as the Colorado birds, and later found them with about one-quarter as many tries per seed. Pravosudov said the Alaskan birds had a larger hippocampus, an area of the brain linked to memory.

The results of the experiment did not surprise Susan Sharbaugh, an Alaskan expert on chickadees and research associate at the University of Alaska's Institute of Arctic Biology. "It's a great example of natural selection" she said. "Tough winters winnow out the ones that can't remember where their caches are. In the Lower 48, if a chickadee has a good memory, it's fine; up here you have to have a good memory."

Field Trip Summary Table, March 2004

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	6	7	13	14	19-21	21	27	28	2	9	16	23	30	
	BEA	CHE	LON	MB	KEA	PUE	CAN	DRY						
Pied-billed Grebe					2		1					1		4
Eared Grebe			3											3
Western Grebe					1									1
American White Pelican					22									22
Double-crested Cormorant					17		1							18
Great Blue Heron			45		3		25	1	1	1		4		80
Black-crowned Night-Heron									1					1
Turkey Vulture							1							1
Snow Goose	2				400									402
"White morph"					375									(375)
"Blue morph"					25									(25)
Canada Goose	101	174	545		35		26	6	270	53	118	24		1352
Wood Duck							1			2				3
Gadwall			18		4		8		25			5		60
American Wigeon							10		32					42
Mallard	21	8	126		4		20	42	40	11	12	7	13	304
Cinnamon Teal			3				4							7
Northern Shoveler			4				2							6
Northern Pintail			4											4
Green-winged Teal		16	58				6	2	11	8				101
Canvasback							2							2
Redhead			105				1		8					114
Ring-necked Duck			28				6		1			4		39
Lesser Scaup			40		100		1		2					143
Bufflehead		2	6		1					1				10
Common Goldeneye	2	16	3						12	6	6			45
Hooded Merganser		6					1		2					9
Common Merganser		200	34		90		3		1	21				349
Red-breasted Merganser		4	3						3					10
Osprey							1							1
Bald Eagle		12	6		7									25
Northern Harrier		3	8		3							1		15
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1									1		2
Cooper's Hawk					1				1					2
Red-tailed Hawk	8	11	18		22		5	2		3	4	1	1	75
western races							(5)							(5)
Golden Eagle			6											6
American Kestrel					25		6	6						37
Merlin					1									1
Prairie Falcon					1									1
Ring-necked Pheasant		1	2		1									4

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	BEA	CHE	LON	MB	KEA	PUE	CAN	DRY						
White-tailed Ptarmigan				35										35
Scaled Quail							3							3
American Coot		19							4					23
Sandhill Crane					13060									13060
Killdeer			4		18		8	5	1			2		38
Greater Yellowlegs							1							1
Wilson's Snipe			1				2					1		4
Franklin's Gull							14							14
Mew Gull			1											1
Ring-billed Gull	21		197		45			1	35	6	13	2		320
California Gull					35									35
Herring Gull	1		1								3			5
Rock Dove		8	43	2	26		50	28	7		3	13	3	183
Eurasian Collared-dove							9							9
Mourning Dove		1			2		12	4			1			20
Great Horned Owl	4	3	3				1	1	2		1			15
White-throated Swift							1							1
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	1		1		4	2	1	1	1		2	15
Red-bellied Woodpecker					1									1
Downy Woodpecker	1	1			1		6					2	4	15
"eastern" race							6							(6)
Hairy Woodpecker													1	1
Northern Flicker	13	6	4		7		4	7	10	8	5	12	5	81
"Red-shafted" race	(13)				(7)		(4)							(24)
Say's Phoebe							2	1						3
Northern Shrike		1			2					1				4
Stellar's Jay				2									8	10
Blue Jay							2	1						3
Black-billed Magpie	6	6	3				6	14		7	7	3		52
American Crow		16	3	15	20		2			4	23	4		86
Common Raven			1	5	1		1					1		9
Horned Lark			3		30									33
Tree Swallow							75							75
Black-capped Chickadee	12				3			1		15	10	5	9	55
Mountain Chickadee				5									1	6
Bushtit							8							8
Red-breasted Nuthatch													1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch							2				1	2	3	8
Brown Creeper	1													1
Marsh Wren							4							4
American Dipper			2							2			8	12
Ruby-crowned Kinglet									1	1				2
Western Bluebird							6							6
Mountain Bluebird											35			35
Townsend's Solitaire							2						2	4
American Robin	30		6		105		16	57	3	6	3	44	8	277
Curve-billed Thrasher							2							2
European Starling	22	11	2				400	32		4	75	8		554
Yellow-rumped Warbler									1	1				2
"Myrtle" race									1	(1)				(2)
Canyon Towhee							1							1
American Tree Sparrow		11			2				2					15

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	BEA	CHE	LON	MB	KEA	PUE	CAN	DRY						
Chipping Sparrow							1							1
Song Sparrow		1	10		2		7	4	3	3	1		13	44
Swamp Sparrow							1							1
Harris's Sparrow							2							2
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race		1	20		8		15	2				7		53 (15)
Dark-eyed Junco "Slate-colored" race		2 (2)			35									37 (2)
Red-winged Blackbird	15	2	92	15	25000		300	118	1	2	30	37		25612
Western Meadowlark	1	2	6		65		4	2		1	4	9		94
Brewer's Blackbird							5							5
Common Grackle		4					4	22						30
House Finch		1			45		20	8				1	8	83
Pine Siskin				40										40
Lesser Goldfinch							2							2
American Goldfinch		1			60			4			7			72
House Sparrow		19	25		18		20	18		1				101
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	262	569	1494	119	39332	0	1155	391	481	169	363	201	90	44,626
TOTAL SPECIES	18	33	43	8	45	0	61	27	28	25	22	26	17	102

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Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Double-crested Cormorant	3/9	1 (w/crests)	St. Vrain SP	Weld	Bob Spencer
Trumpeter Swan	2/7, died 2/19	1	Lefthand Valley Rsvr	Boulder	Bob Spencer, m.ob.
Brant (black)	2/16	1	Brunner Rsvr	Broomfield	Bob Spencer, m.ob.
Blue-winged Teal	3/31	2 (pair)	Beebe Draw	Weld	Warren Finch (30th), Bob Spencer
Greater Scaup	3/13	3m, 1f	pond on 104th W. of US85	Adams	Jones/Finch/Bob Spencer
American Avocet	3/31	4	Loloff Rsvr	Weld	Bob Spencer
Lesser Yellowlegs	3/31	1	Beebe Draw	Weld	Warren Finch (30th), Bob Spencer
Eastern Screech-Owl	2/13	1	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Warren Finch and Bob Spencer
Northern Shrike	2/5	1	Arvada residence	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Chipping Sparrow	3/29	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
White-throated Sparrow	2/4	1	Millineau Res	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Harris's Sparrow	2/14	1i	Barr Lake	Adams	Jim Schmoker, Bill Schmoker, Bob Spencer

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Thank you for your submittals. Any DFO member can send sightings to Elna Cain, elnacain13@aol.com

Welcome New Members!

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Welcome and thank you for your support—we couldn't do what we do without you!.

Contributions

Rare Bird Alert: Mary Cockerham, Tony Leukering

Educational Endowment Fund: None



Nest Report Form

Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas results taught us that a simple nest report with the most basic details about habitat and nest site improved knowledge of the nesting habits of Colorado's birds. With your participation, this new Nest Report Form will help continue to record data about nesting species in Colorado.

Use the form to record single-visits to a nest site or to maintain records for daily or weekly monitoring. For single visits, fill in pertinent information and then send the form in right away. For long term monitoring, fill in all necessary information and use the Detailed Nest Progress section to record your long-term observations.

This new form is located on the Colorado Field Ornithologists page <http://www.cfo-link.org/leadpage.html>. It's a PDF file, and can only be accessed using Adobe Acrobat, a free download from the Adobe Website. Using Acrobat it can then be opened and printed for use. When complete mail to: Hugh Kingery, P.O. Box 584, Franktown, CO 80116-0584. For questions about using this form, feel free to contact Hugh at 303-814-2723 or ouzel@juno.com

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Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules that you can download: www.dfbirders.org.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

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**Time is running out
for renewing 2004
memberships!**



Except for those new members who joined
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Dues for 2004 are payable by that date.
There's a handy form on the other
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May Presentation Meeting Sets a Record!

A record number (103) attended our May Feature Presentation: "Advanced Warbler Identification" with Ted Floyd. Those lucky enough to learn of better ways to identify warblers, were also treated to the presentation of the DFO Ptarmigan Award. The Ptarmigan Award is presented to DFO members who are selected for their outstanding service to the Denver Field Ornithologists and to the study of birds in Colorado. Norm Erthal, well-known and highly respected birder was the worthy recipient of the 2004 Ptarmigan Award. Congratulations Norm!



Some background of the award from the DFO historian, Warren Finch: The award was initiated in 1988 to recognize Ruth Wheeler, the only living 1935 Charter member of the Club, and Thompson Marsh, prominent Denver birder and leader of DFO field trips. The award consists of a framed certificate and a framed photo taken by Duane Nelson of a pair of White-tailed Ptarmigan in a winter scene on Guanella Pass. Subsequent recipients of the award are Jack Reddall, Harold Holt, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Robert Andrews, Robert Richter, Patty Echelmeyer, Robert Spencer, Duane Nelson, Catherine Hurlbutt, Lynn Willcockson, Warren Finch, Glenn Hageman, and Karleen Schofield.



DFO Field Trips for June 2004

Saturday, June 5th Castlewood Canyon

Leader: Randy Lentz 303-680-3381

Meet leader at 07:30 at old entrance. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn South on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance. State Parks Pass Required.

Sunday, June 6th Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner 303-978-1748

Meet leader at 7:30 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to Park. State Parks Pass Required. Half-day Trip.

Saturday, June 12 Alfred M. Bailey Nesting Area/Silverthorne

Leader: Norm Lewis (303) 988-5544

Call Allison Hilf (303) 369-2541 for meeting time and location. Bring lunch, we will be finished by 2:00PM.

Saturday, June 12 Wyoming Raptors

Leader: Brian Wheeler; Call Allison Hilf (303) 369-2541 for information.

We will leave from the Longmont area at 07:00 AM and will bird until at least 5:00PM, ending in Laramie. Hotel information available. Bring lunch, water, snacks, etc. Group size limited to 12 people and 3 vehicles. Call Allison Hilf for details and to sign up.

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DFO Field Trips for June 2004, continued

Sunday, June 13

South Platte River at Carson Nature Center

Leader: Mike Foster (303) 279-3026

Another historic bird survey: comparing birds on the plains with those in the foothills, just as Rockwell & Wetmore did in 1909. Meet leader at 07:30 at the Center: exit C-470 at Santa Fe, go north to Mineral Avenue, and turn left there at the light. On your right, you will see a Park 'N Ride. Turn in at second entrance, drive through Park 'N Ride, bend left on a dirt road that leads to the Center.

Saturday, June 19

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Steve Kennedy

Meet leader at West Entrance at 07:30 AM (across from Cherry Creek High School). Half-day trip.

Sunday, June 20

South Mesa Trail; Boulder

Leaders: Wayne and Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662

Meet leaders at 08:30 AM at South Mesa Trailhead: From Denver head North on Hwy 93, turn left (west) on Eldorado Springs Drive, turn right into South Mesa Trailhead (just past the Doudy Draw trailhead). We will walk for about an hour on easy to moderate uphill, sit in meadow and watch for Peregrine Falcons. Bring lunch, water. 1/2 to 3/4 day trip.

Saturday, June 26

Hack Ranch & Georgia Pass

Leaders: Carol Hack (303) 777-7893 and Kathy Hawkins

Meet leader at 8:30 on US 285 across from gas station in Jefferson, CO. Call Meredith Anderson (303) 280-8576 for car pool information. All day trip, bring lunch.

Sunday, June 27

Canon City

Leader: SeEtta Moss (719) 275-8874

Call Meredith Anderson (303) 280-8576 for meeting time and location.

Saturday, July 3

Genesee Mountain Area

Call Patty Echelmeyer (303) 235 4987 for meeting time and location.

Sunday, July 4

Gregory Canyon/Boulder Area

Leader: Gregg Goodrich (303) 655 9135

Meet at 07:30 AM in Boulder at corner of Baseline Road and Cherryvale Rd. (Bobolink trailhead). Exit Rt. 36 at Foothills Parkway. Go about 1 mile to Baseline Road, then right about 1 mile to Cherryvale Rd. Lunch optional. Parking fee at Gregory Canyon, so car-pooling is a good idea.

Scheduled and compiled by Alison Hilf and Meredith Anderson



Please, if you have registered with the trip leader and then find you are unable to go on the trip, let the leader know ahead of time. This is most important if there is a sign-up and waiting list. DO

NOT call the leader the morning of the trip, as this tends to wake up the entire household. Check the Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750 or web site www.dfobirders.org for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Thanks.

DFO Field Trip Summaries, April 2004

April 3, Saturday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Mary Burger. **Observers:** Marv Colman. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 mile by foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, elevation 5550'. **Weather:** Overcast, light rain, 36-43°F. **Totals:** 39 species, 600 individuals.

April 4, Sunday *Clear Creek and Golden (CLE)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Alison Donnelly, Peggy Hankins, Patty Echelmeyer, Kay Niyo, Bob Richter, plus 6 members and 2 guests of The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 46 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lowland riparian, mountain riparian, mountain shrub, cliffs, urban parks. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, no wind, 45-60°F. **Totals:** 31 species, 154 individuals.

April 10, Saturday *South Platte Park*

Cancelled

April 14, Wednesday *Dinosaur Ridge Hawk Watch (DIN)*

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Bob Spencer, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 1 mile on foot. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, northeast-east wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 21 species, 91 individuals.

April 17, Saturday *Fountain Creek Regional Park / Big Johnson Reservoir, Colorado Springs (COL)*

Leader(s): Bill Maynard and Mark Peterson. **Observers:** Mel and Elaine Emeigh, Don and Betty Minges, Clark Wilder, Charlie Lawrence, Peter Frechtel, Steve Funnels, Dennis and Lynn Caudill, Dale Brons, Darren Brons, Peggy Gonder, Steve and Debbie Kennedy, Warren Finch, Norm Karas, Robin Izer, John and Lilian Monson, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 3.2 miles by car, 2.5 miles by foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Sunny and calm at FCRP, sunny and very windy at Big Johnson. **Totals:** 64 species, 2175 individuals.

April 18, Sunday *Bear Creek Lake Park, Morrison Park, Corvina Park (BEA)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Kay Niyo and 7 members of The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society. **Time:** 0730-1530. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 6 miles by foot. **Habitat:** Lake, lowland riparian, park, shortgrass prairie, cliffs, mountain riparian, ponderosa pine forest. **Weather:** Clear, windy, 52-60°F. **Totals:** 36 species, 167 individuals.

April 23-24, Friday-Sunday *Southeastern Colorado*

Cancelled

April 23-24, Friday-Sunday *Southeastern Colorado Independent Trip (SEI)*

Observers: Ric Olson, Brandon Percival. **Time:** 30 hours total. **Distance:** 400 miles by car, 6 miles by foot. **Habitat:** Southeastern Colorado plains. **Weather:** Rain add day on Apr 23, sunny and warm on Apr 24-25, 35-60°F. **Totals:** 130 species, 3111 individuals.

April 24, Saturday *Cherokee Ranch - Sedalia Area*

Cancelled

April 24, Saturday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR (ROC)*

Leader(s): David Rhoades. **Observers:** Jill Boice, Terry Colharn (CA), Patty Echelmeyer, Peggy Fitzgerald, Peggy Hankins, Richard Pinkham, Joyce Quigley, Mary Stallings, Emilie Wiersma, Ralph Wiersma. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 18 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, lakes, woodlands, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 40-60°F. **Totals:** 58 species, 417 individuals.

April 25, Sunday *Waterton Canyon, toward Chatfield Reservoir (WAT)*

Leader(s): Alison Donnelly. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Colleen Nunn, Ed Sickles (CA visitor). **Time:** 0730-1330. **Distance:** 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grasslands, wetlands, elevation 5534'. **Weather:** Misty, rain, overcast, 35-40°F, north wind, 4-7 mph. **Totals:** 51 species, 644 individuals.

DFO Field Trip Summaries, April 2004, continued

Tuesday Birders

April 6 *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cattail marsh, open woodlands, grasslands, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly cloudy, 48-45°F, variable wind, 0-7 mph. **Totals:** 41 species, 369 individuals.

April 13 *Waterton Canyon (WAT)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains, riparian, grassland, cottonwood, willow with rock outcrops, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 62°F, variable wind, 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 72 individuals.

April 20 *Hawk Watch at Dinosaur Ridge, Matthews/Winters & Red Rocks Parks (HAW)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 50. **Time:** 0900-1145. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, transitional zone with juniper and ponderosa pine, shrubland and city park, elevation 5700-6600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 47-55°F, northwest wind, 10-35 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 52 individuals.

April 27 *Belmar Lakewood City Park (BEL)*

Leader(s): Rachel Norton. **Observers:** 14. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir and ponds, deciduous and evergreen trees, city park, open fields, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Sunny, 66-76°F, wind calm. **Totals:** 34 species, 197 individuals.

The DFO Educational Endowment Fund: A Brief Report from DFO Director Tina Jones

The DFO educational endowment fund allocated funds to the following two organizations.

Audubon Society of Greater Denver received funding. The society will train volunteers in bird related topics that are of interest to the public, for their 'Master Birder' program. The program involves volunteers sharing information and educating the public about bird identification, bird behavior, bird feeding, bird conservation, building and monitoring nest boxes, and bird habitats.

Cherokee Ranch and Castle, located in Douglas County received funding. Outdoor education to school groups and to Girl & Boy Scouts will take place at the CR&C. Education will be focused on identification, voice, habits, habitats, and preservation of birds on this 3100 acre wildlife preserve. Bird education programs will be available to the general public.



In Memoriam

Mortimer H. (Mort) Staatz passed away peacefully on Friday, April 16, 2004, at the age of 85. As a youth growing up in California he liked being out in nature. As a geologist with U.S.

Geological Survey he was out in the field all over United States and traveled the world even to Greenland. Wherever he went he observed birds. In 1983 he joined the Denver Field Ornithologists just before retiring from USGS. Mort liked to go on field trips and led some usually to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. His favorite place was Roxborough Park where he was a regular volunteer. He is survived by his wife Rosemary, two sons, Thomas, Andy and a daughter Hilary. Notes and cards can be sent to the family at 13435 Braun Road, Golden, Colorado 80401. No phone calls please. Donations in his name can be sent to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science or to the Denver Field Ornithologists.

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	CHE	CLE	DIN	COL	BEA	SEI	ROC	WAT	CHE	WAT	HAW	BEL	
Common Loon	1												1
Pied-billed Grebe	2			16		1	3	1					23
Horned Grebe				31		1							32
Eared Grebe						15	1						16
Western Grebe				60		130	4						194
Clark's Grebe				40	1	101							142
American White Pelican	5	9		25		50	15	40	24				168
Double-crested Cormorant	25	2		6	4	10	1	15	25			3	91
Great Blue Heron	5			3	2	30		8	1	2		1	52
Great Egret				1									1
Cattle Egret						5							5
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1					1			2			2	6
White-faced Ibis						25	6						31
Turkey Vulture		1	20	2		30		4	1	3	2		63
Snow Goose						15							15
Canada Goose	15	12		13	13	10	34	14	16	1		36	164
Wood Duck	1					10						2	13
Gadwall	6			27		50	32	38	8			4	165
Eurasian Wigeon				1									1
American Wigeon	1			6		20	4	6				4	41
Mallard	12	2		62	12	20	30	24	18	6		19	205
Blue-winged Teal				2		75	1	1					79
Cinnamon Teal	2					10	2	1	2				17
Northern Shoveler	30			1300		125	17	10	4			4	1490
Green-winged Teal				4		45	4	6	4			1	64
Canvasback						1	1						2
Redhead	3			4		2	4					1	14
Ring-necked Duck	1											2	3
Lesser Scaup				6		8	5						19
Bufflehead	2			3		2	4					2	13
Common Goldeneye						1							1
Common Merganser	6			2				8					16
Red-breasted Merganser				2		1							3
Ruddy Duck				75		50	4						129
Osprey						1		2					3
Bald Eagle							2	1					3
Northern Harrier	1					1				1			3

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Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	2		1							1	5
Cooper's Hawk			6		1		1				1		9
accipiter sp.								2					2
Broad-winged Hawk						3					1		4
Swainson's Hawk				2		14	3						19
Red-tailed Hawk western races	4	5	2 (2)	5	1	4	3	1	4	2	1		32 (2)
Ferruginous Hawk						1							1
Golden Eagle		1	1		1				1	1			5
American Kestrel	2	1	1	1	2	6	5	4	1	2	2		27
Ring-necked Pheasant	3								1				4
Scaled Quail						10							10
Virginia Rail				1					6				7
Sora						1							1
American Coot	80			35		75	12	3	13			8	226
Sandhill Crane			3			1							4
Snowy Plover						1							1
Killdeer	4	2		7		25	8	1	6			4	57
Mountain Plover						2							2
Black-necked Stilt						10							10
American Avocet						60	6	2				2	70
Lesser Yellowlegs						30	10						40
Willet						22	2						24
Long-billed Curlew						3							3
Marbled Godwit						2							2
Sanderling							1						1
Semipalmated Sandpiper						10							10
Western Sandpiper						1							1
Least Sandpiper						30							30
Peep sp						75							75
Long-billed Dowitcher						10							10
Wilson's Snipe				1		1			1				3
Wilson's Phalarope						55							55
Franklin's Gull	2			18		45							65
Bonaparte's Gull				13		10							23
Ring-billed Gull	10	2		6		20	1		18			3	60
California Gull	2			19		5							26
Herring Gull	12								1				13
Forster's Tern						20							20
Rock Dove		8		14		45		5	7		5	4	88
Eurasian Collared-dove				3		75							78
White-winged Dove						1							1

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Inca Dove						1							1
Barn Owl						1							1
Great Horned Owl	4					5	2		1				12
Burrowing Owl						2							2
Chimney Swift						1							1
White-throated Swift		6	12		6					3	2		29
Broad-tailed Hummingbird								2					2
hummingbird sp.											1		1
Belted Kingfisher	1			2	1	2	1		2	1		2	12
Downy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race	4	5		6	5	8	2	2	2	1	1		36 (2)
Hairy Woodpecker						1							1
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	5	12	1 (1)	9	3 (3)	3	5	15 (15)	14		2	6	75 (19)
Say's Phoebe		2		1		6		10			1		20
Western Kingbird						15					1		16
Loggerhead Shrike						10							10
Blue Jay				3		10							13
Western Scrub-Jay			3							4	2		9
Black-billed Magpie	7	5	2		4	5	4	2	12		3	4	48
American Crow		9	2	3	2			6	1	3		1	27
Chihuahuan Raven						3							3
Common Raven		1	3					1		1			6
Horned Lark				4		25							29
Tree Swallow				1	1	1	7	90					100
Violet-green Swallow					9							1	10
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				1		5	2						8
Bank Swallow						5	6						11
Cliff Swallow				1		25	6	66					98
Barn Swallow				5		50	6	30	2			1	94
Black-capped Chickadee	2	3		2	5			15		6	2		35
Mountain Chickadee					2								2
Bushtit			2										2
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1							1
White-breasted Nuthatch								2					2
Pygmy Nuthatch					2								2
Rock Wren						2	1						3
Canyon Wren		1								2	1		4
House Wren						15					1		16
American Dipper		3			1			1		1			6
Golden-crowned Kinglet						1							1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1	8		1	3	1			14

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Field Trip Summary Table April 2004. continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	3 CHE	4 CLE	14 DIN	17 COL	18 BEA	23-25 SEI	24 ROC	25 WAT	6 CHE	13 WAT	20 HAW	27 BEL	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						15							15
Eastern Bluebird						2							2
Western Bluebird					2								2
Townsend's Solitaire			2			1					1		4
Hermit Thrush						1	4						5
American Robin	30	11	14	23	9	20	20	35	38		6	9	215
Northern Mockingbird						2							2
Brown Thrasher						8							8
Curve-billed Thrasher						1							1
European Starling	155	12	5	26	27	85	6	40	23	12	1		392
American Pipit				1		1							2
Cedar Waxwing						20							20
Orange-crowned Warbler						25							25
Yellow Warbler						1							1
Yellow-rumped Warbler					1	150	4	22	1		8	9	195
Myrtle race							2	12			2	3	(19)
Audubon's race							2	10			2	2	(16)
Kentucky Warbler						1							1
Wilson's Warbler						2							2
Spotted Towhee		3	3		4	4		2		7			23
Cassin's Sparrow						4							4
Chipping Sparrow					1	60	12						73
Vesper Sparrow						30	7						37
Lark Sparrow						5							5
Savannah Sparrow						1							1
Grasshopper Sparrow						1							1
Song Sparrow	3	8		12	7		3	20	8	4	2	1	68
Lincoln's Sparrow						10							10
Swamp Sparrow						2							2
White-throated Sparrow				1									1
Harris's Sparrow						1							1
White-crowned Sparrow	6			15		125	14	2		1			163
Dark-eyed Junco						5	2						7
Northern Cardinal						1							1
Indigo Bunting						1							1
Red-winged Blackbird	125	1		55	13	120	17	50	60		1	40	482
Eastern Meadowlark						1							1
Western Meadowlark	20		3	7	4	75	23	6	14	2	2	1	157
Yellow-headed Blackbird						45			2				47
Brewer's Blackbird				2				2					4
Common Grackle		8		120	2	250	12	10				4	406
Great-tailed Grackle						25							25
Brown-headed Cowbird				1		20							21
House Finch		13	2	17	12	15	4	6	3	3	2	7	84
Lesser Goldfinch				2									2
American Goldfinch		2		9		45	1	1	17				75
House Sparrow		3		4	1	75	4	2	1	2		1	93
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	600	154	91	2175	167	3111	417	644	369	72	52	197	8,049
TOTAL SPECIES	39	31	21	64	36	130	58	51	41	25	25	34	161

Welcome New Members!

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Welcome and thank you for your support—we couldn't do what we do without you!

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Lark Bunting Via Email...

Beginning with the May issue, over 30 DFO members have begun to successfully receive their Lark Bunting by email. As many members renewed their memberships last fall prior to the application offering this option, this opportunity is now made available to those who missed the first time.

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- Receive the Lark Bunting on a timely basis, not dependent on the Printer or the Post Office.
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- Create your own Lark Bunting file on your computer.

Requirements

- Adobe Acrobat - Can be downloaded, free, by connecting to acrobat.com.
- Any changes to the e-mail address must be sent to the Treasurer at hageman1650@earthlink.net

Hugh Kingery Needs Your Help....

Does anyone have a trip list from the Spring Count from Bear Creek for the year 2002?

DFO has conducted Spring and Fall counts in the Denver metro area for 25 years. In compiling these counts and converting them to computer records, Hugh Kingery has found at least one missing report. Does anyone have a trip list from the Spring Count from Bear Creek for the year 2002? If so, please send it to him by real mail (PO Box 584, Franktown, CO 80116) or by Email (ouzels@juno.com).

Hugh thanks you for your help.

Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Snowy Egret	4/2	1	BelMar Park	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Cattle Egret	4/29	3	Mt. Olivet Cem.	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Osprey	4/5	1 near nest	Lagermann Rsvr	Boulder	Bob Spencer, m.ob.
Osprey	4/7	2 at nest	Fairgrounds	Boulder	Bob Spencer, m.ob.
Least Sandpiper	4/28	3	Lower Church Lake	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Lesser Black-backed Gull	4/7	1	Union Rsvr	Weld	Bob Spencer
Common Tern	4/28	3	Lower Church Lake	Jefferson	Bob Spencer, Tony Leukering (4/26)
Forster's Tern	4/28	2	Brunner	Broomfield	Bob Spencer, Tony Leukering
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4/16	1f	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
Say's Phoebe	4/29	1	Mt. Olivet Cem.	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Harris Sparrow	4/11	1	Last Chance	Washington	Tim Davis
Great Tailed Grackle	4/11	1	Hwy 385 mile 234, n of Wray	Yuma	Tim Davis

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DFO Field Trips for July 2004

Saturday, July 3, to Monday, July 5 *Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska*

Leader: Jackie King (303-284-1644)

Call leader for meeting place and time. Will leave Saturday morning and drive to Lake McConaughy and Ash Hollow State Park and bird there, then stay overnight at the Super 8 Motel in Ogallala (308-284-2076). Will leave early Saturday morning (breakfast may be in convenience store), bird Crescent Lake all day, and stay overnight in Alliance at the Rainbow Lodge (308-762-4980). Bring lunch for all three days—breakfast for one day if you don't like convenience store-type food—and lots of snacks and water. Will leave on Monday after birding another State wildlife area. Should arrive in Denver by 1800. We should see lots of nesting birds, including baby grebes. Nebraska State Parks Pass required. Weather will probably be hot and buggy with thunderstorms in the afternoons.

July 3, Saturday

Genesee Mountain area

Call Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947) for meeting time and place. Families of foothills birds should be observed.

July 4, Sunday

Gregory Canyon/Boulder area

Leaders: Gregg Goodrich (303-655-9135)

Meet at 0730 in Boulder at corner of Baseline Rd. and Cherryvale Rd. (Bobolink Trail head). Exit Rt. 36 at Foothills Parkway and go about 1 mile to Baseline Rd. Turn right to Cherryvale Rd. (about 1 mile). Lunch optional. Parking fee at Gregory Canyon, so let's carpool.

July 10, Saturday

Lair o' the Bear and Mt. Falcon

Leader: Norm Lewis (303-988-5544)

Meet leader at 0700 at Lair o' the Bear parking lot—4 miles west of Morrison on CO 74. Bring lunch; ¼-day outing.

July 11, Sunday

Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch

Leader: J.B. Hayes (303-798-9683)

Meet at 0700 at S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Rd. (first traffic light south of C-470 on S. Wadsworth). Should tally over 50 species. Trip should end midafternoon. Bring lunch.

July 17, Saturday

Lyons and Foothills

Leader: Ray Davis (303-823-5332)

Meet at 0830 at Lyons Park n' Ride (half-block south of only traffic light in town). Carpooling! Bring lunch. Good chance for three kinds of hummingbirds and pinyon jays, plus Davis has 29 bird houses!

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DFO Field Trips for July 2004, continued

July 18, Sunday

Golden Gate State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz (303-680-3381)

Meet at 0700 at the park's visitor center. State Parks Pass needed. Lunch optional. Nesting mountain species.

July 24, Saturday

Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes

Leader: Lynn Willcockson (303-757-7000)

Meet at 0730 to carpool at RTD Park 'n Ride on east side of Union Blvd., just south of West 6th Ave. OR at Filius Park at 0800. (From I-70 west take Evergreen exit, then first Bergen Park exit and right to Filius Park). Full-day trip. Bring lunch and water. Mt. Evans has \$6 per car fee.

July 25, Sunday

Upper White Ranch

Leader: Dick Schottler (303-278-8035)

Call leader for meeting time and place.

July 31, Saturday

South Table Mountain—next part of Historic Bird Survey

Leader: Mike Foster (303-279-3026)

Call leader to sign up and for meeting time. We'll be meeting at the Wild Bird Center in mall just northeast of intersection of Youngfield and 32nd Ave.—and we'll return there afterward for refreshments. Half-day trip; 3-4 miles of walking, steep ascent for 600 feet. Surprising number of bird species from plains to foothills.

Spring Count 2004 Summaries

May 6, Thursday

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)

Leader(s): J.B. Hayes. **Observers:** Charles Baucum, Jan Baucum, Becky Beckers, Ira Cherington, Gail Evans, Allison Hilf (guest owl-watcher), Bernie Jacobs, Lenore Jacobs, Martine Matzke, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 0700-1345. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, wetlands, riparian, meadows, grasslands. **Weather:** Clear, 58-85°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 62 species, 934 individuals.

May 7, Friday

Lower Bear Creek (LBC)

Leader(s): Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Patty Esperance, Allison Hilf, Tina Jones, Diana Mullineaux, Marty Woodford. **Time:** 0700-1500. **Distance:** 21 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban riparian. **Weather:** Clear, 53-85°F, calm. **Totals:** 62 species, 1227 individuals.

May 8, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BLSP)

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Peggy Fitzgerald, Tim Mitzen, Dick Pratt, Bob Righter, Bob Spencer, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0630-1600. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 7 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 55-80°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 83 species, 1190 individuals.

May 8, Saturday

Chatfield State Park (CSP)

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Burke Angstman, Carol Blackard, Scott Blackard, Paul Differding, Peggy Gonder, Allison Hilf, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lentz, Rick Olson, Steve Stachowiak. **Time:** 0600-1900. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 7.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 45-81°F, south wind turned to west at mid-day, 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 84 species, 612 individuals.

Spring Count 2004 Summaries

May 8, Saturday *Waterton (WAT)*

Leader(s): Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** Mary Lou Brown, Mike Cerruto, Malise Debree, Elaine Emeigh, Mel Emeigh, Christy Honnen, Urling Kingery, Mary Ellen Sargent, Lynn Sargent. **Time:** 0600-1530. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, gravel pit reservoirs, artificial wetlands, grassland. **Weather:** Clear, 45-80°F, no wind. **Totals:** 72 species, 935 individuals.

May 9, Sunday *Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Mary Stallings, Rebecca Winters. **Time:** 0730-1530. **Distance:** 72 miles by car. **Habitat:** Plains and riparian, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Warm and sunny, 40-80°F, northwest wind, 2-5 mph. **Totals:** 57 species, 1341 individuals.

May 9, Sunday *Castlewood Canyon State Park (CCSP)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0500-1430. **Distance:** 21 miles car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills forest, grassland, elevation 6300'. **Weather:** Clear, 32-84°F, south wind 0-4 mph. **Totals:** 65 species, 588 individuals.

May 9, Sunday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)*

Leader(s): Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Ursula Barsch, Elaine Emeigh, Mel Emeigh, Allison Hilf, Hugh Kingery, Colleen Nunn, Nina Rough. **Time:** 0600-1600. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grassland, wetlands, reservoirs. **Weather:** Clear, basically no wind. **Totals:** 82 species, 1154 individuals.

DFO Field Trip Summaries, May 2004, continued

May 1, Saturday *Bluff Lake Nature Center (BLU)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Inga Brennan, Karel Buckley, Bill Eden, Peggy Hankins, Jon Holmberg, Bill Kiarsis, Paulette Maloy, Dennis Mehd, Margie Rooney, Polly Provost. **Time:** 0630-1030. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, emergent wetland, riparian, riparian deciduous, short grass prairie, semi-desert shrub. **Weather:** Cool, clear skies, 40-54°F, mild wind. **Totals:** 36 species, 119 individuals.

May 2, Sunday *Longmont Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Chris Owens. **Observers:** Gordon Hodgson, Wayne Johnston, Sue Kamal, Diana Mullineaux, Dick Pratt, Mary Ellen Sargent, Barb Thomas, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0730-1400. **Distance:** 20 miles by car. **Habitat:** Ponds, riparian, agricultural areas, lakes, elevation 4800'. **Weather:** Clear, 60-75°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 71 species, 1759 individuals.

May 9, Sunday *Mt Galbraith Park, Jeffco Open Space (GAL)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Bill Eden, Peggy Hankins, Kathanne Lynch. **Time:** 0730-1430. **Distance:** 1 mile by car, 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Suburban, mountain riparian deciduous, mountain shrub, mountain grassland, ponderosa pine woodland, cliffs, elevation 6000-7200'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, warm, 60-82°F, moderate breeze for first two hours. **Totals:** 38 species, 161 individuals.

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DFO Field Trip Summaries, May 2004, continued

May 12, Wednesday *Belmar Historic Park (BEL)*

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Don Beltz, Bob Frager, Terry Moore (Toronto, Canada), Mary Ellen Sargent. **Time:** 0700-1000. **Distance:** 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, meadow, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** High thin clouds, then overcast, 45-55°F, wind 15 mph. **Totals:** 36 species, 292 individuals.

May 15, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Peggy Hankins, Kent and Liz Kreider, Paul Lee, Adam Lee, Randy Lentz. **Time:** 0730-1545. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 3.2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, plains, river riparian, elevation 5800'. **Weather:** Sunny turning mostly cloudy in afternoon, 53-72°F, northwest wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 67 species, 553 individuals.

May 15, Saturday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (ROC)*

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Carol Blackard, Scott Blackard, Dennis Downing, Maury Gage, Dave Hoskins, Mary Stallings, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Habitat:** Woodland, prairie, lakes, wetlands. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 45-65°F, northwest wind. **Totals:** 61 species, 747 individuals.

May 16, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Joyce Clippinger, Jim Connell, Joe Elliott, Veronica Holt, Bob Hutchinson, Bob Rohwedder, Steve Snyder, Anne Somerville, Tom Wylie. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Clear, 50-74°F, northwest wind, 4-7 mph. **Totals:** 53 species, 543 individuals.

May 22, Saturday *Pawnee National Grasslands and area (PAW)*

Leader(s): Ira and Tammy Sanders. **Observers:** Jeff Dunning, Kathy Mihm Dunning, Patty Echelmeyer, Betty Ellsworth, Gordon Hodgson, Joe Hudson, Mary Ellen Sargent, Buzz Schaumburg, Trish Schumacher, Joyce Takamine, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0600-1945. **Distance:** 262 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grassland, mudflat, reservoir, elevation 4000-5000'. **Weather:** Clear, rain, 44-64°F, north to west wind, 25-31 mph. **Totals:** 106 species, 2081 individuals.

May 23, Sunday *Chico Basin Ranch (CHI)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Anne Boboricken, Karel Buckley, Paul Cary, Richard and Judy Cattell, Alison Donnelly, Peggy Hankins, Jim Hayashi, Bill Kiarsis, Laurita Summerton, Bud and Juanita Weare, Ed and Pat Work. **Time:** 0730-1430. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain riparian, shortgrass prairie, sand-sage prairie. **Weather:** Clear, warm, windy in afternoon. **Totals:** 53 species, 401 individuals.

May 29-31, Sat-Mon *Crescent Lake, Nebraska (CRE)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Harvey Burton (from Scotland), Gail Campbell, Chuck Lowrie, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Pauline Smith. **Time:** 27 hours over 3 days. **Distance:** 654 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains, prairie pothole, riparian, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Clear am, cloudy changing to rain pm, 40-60°F, northwest wind, 5-25mph, gusts to 45mph. **Totals:** 108 species, 2566 individuals.

May 29, Saturday *Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. **Observers:** Ellie Baker, Leona Berger, Jim Flood, Ivan Getting, Aven Hejmadi, Janet Kilbride, Arleen Larson, Gail Loveland, Pay Lyall, Marcia Milliken, Diane Wagner, Marjorie Wholey. **Time:** 0800-1300.

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Distance: 15 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain valley, mountain park, elevation 8500+'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to cloudy to intermittent showers to rain, 53-55°F, west wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 35 species, 175 individuals.

May 30, Sunday *Roxborough State Park (ROX)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Phil Braunstein, Ina Cherington, Steve McKinney, Joyce Mosetic, Richard Pinkham, Rita Schaulat (Houston TX visitor), Laura Schaulat, Trich Schumacher, Kelly Schumacher, Anne Southcott, Fred Streich, Janet Streich, Barbara Thomas, David and Carol P. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 2.4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, grasslands, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 46-53°F, south-southwest wind, 10-25 mph. **Totals:** 27 species, 134 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

May 4 *Ken Caryl Ranch Private Trail (KEN)*

Leader(s): Mary Hafner. **Observers:** 35. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cattail, willow, cottonwood, elevation 6100'. **Weather:** Sunny, 60-68°F, southeast wind, 0-4 mph. **Totals:** 36 species, 136 individuals.

May 11 *Audubon at Chatfield (AUD)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0830-1145. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, open grassy areas, elevation 5430'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 72-80°F, southwest wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 162 individuals.

May 18 *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33 (two groups). **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, prairie, agriculture, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 65-72°F, light breeze. **Totals:** 52 species, 629 individuals.

May 25 *Pawnee National Grasslands and area (PAW)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 21. **Time:** 0845-1500. **Distance:** 25 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Short grass steppe, riparian, agricultural pond, elevation 4500'. **Weather:** Rainy to sunny, 40-65°F, north wind, 0-8 mph. **Totals:** 50 species, 537 individuals.

Field Trip Information

If you have registered with the trip leader and then find you are unable to go on the trip, let the leader know ahead of time. This is most important if there is a sign-up and waiting list.

DO NOT call the leader the morning of the trip, as this tends to wake up the entire household.

Best procedure is to check the Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750 or web site www.dfobirders.org

for last minute trip changes or cancellations

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SPECIES													TOTAL
DATE	6	7	8	8	8	9	9	9					
LOCATION	CCR	LBC	BLSP	CSP	WAT	BLP	CCSP	RMA					
Pied-billed Grebe								5					5
Eared Grebe			5					14					19
Western Grebe	175	4	36	30	3	2		4					254
Clark's Grebe	5		1	2									8
American White Pelican	15	9	43	24		72							163
Double-crested Cormorant	34	110	11	14	20	5		1					195
Great Blue Heron	5	67	9	6	18	18	5	8					136
Great Egret	1												1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	2	1										4
White-faced Ibis	8	14		2		2		1					27
Turkey Vulture		1		1	3		20						25
Canada Goose	20	86	45	13	29	33	4	22					252
Wood Duck		1	4		2			7					14
Gadwall	3	53	90	3	4			9					162
American Wigeon		6	12										18
Mallard	18	67	68	17	29	29	11	52					291
Blue-winged Teal	4	2	8	5		6		8					33
Cinnamon Teal	1		4	4	2	4							15
Northern Shoveler	2	6	6	11	3			5					33
Northern Pintail			2					4					6
Green-winged Teal		2	4	9	1			9					25
Redhead		2						8					10
Ring-necked Duck								5					5
Lesser Scaup								4					4
Scaup Sp			4										4
Bufflehead	1	8						4					13
Common Goldeneye								1					1
Common Merganser				6		1							7
Ruddy Duck			8					9					17
Osprey						1							1
Bald Eagle			1	2	1								4
Northern Harrier			1	1									2
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	1								2
Cooper's Hawk		1		1	2								4
Swainson's Hawk	3	2	3	4	2	18	1	7					40
Red-tailed Hawk	1	3	2	3	5		3	7					24
western races			2										(2)
Golden Eagle								1					1
American Kestrel	1		2		5	3	2	4					17
Peregrine Falcon				1									1
Prairie Falcon								1					1
Ring-necked Pheasant	2		4			4		5					15

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SPECIES													TOTAL
DATE	6	7	8	8	8	9	9	9					
LOCATION	CCR	LBC	BLSP	CSP	WAT	BLP	CCSP	RMA					
Virginia Rail	3			5	3			2					13
Sora				1	1			2					4
American Coot	15	2	75	1		2		38					133
Killdeer	2	23	19	15	6	27	2	14					108
American Avocet	13		10	2	3	26		2					56
Solitary Sandpiper						1							1
Willet		2											2
Spotted Sandpiper	4	18	3	5	1			3					34
Western Sandpiper		2											2
Least Sandpiper						3							3
White-rumped Sandpiper						1							1
Baird's Sandpiper						1							1
Long-billed Dowitcher						45							45
Wilson's Snipe			1										1
Wilson's Phalarope		3	3	4		24		7					41
Franklin's Gull	6		20										26
Ring-billed Gull	30	14	16	12		2							74
California Gull	1		7		2	1							11
gull sp.								22					22
Forster's Tern	3	6				7							16
Rock Pigeon	3	5	6	2		22	4						42
Mourning Dove	28	37	44	12	66	115	23	127					452
Eastern Screech-Owl								1					1
Great Horned Owl	18		2	1			1	4					26
Burrowing Owl			1			13		4					18
Long-eared Owl								2					2
Common Poorwill							3						3
White-throated Swift							5						5
Black-chinned Hummingbird	2			1									3
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				8	2		5						15
Belted Kingfisher			1	2	10		1						14
Lewis's Woodpecker				1									1
Downy Woodpecker	2	2	4	6	9			4					27
"eastern" race			(4)										(4)
Hairy Woodpecker							3						3
"Rocky Mountain" race							2						(2)
Northern Flicker	9	21	2	4	10		2	8					56
"Red-shafted" race			(2)	(4)			(2)	(8)					(16)
Least Flycatcher				2	1								3
empidonax sp.	1							2					3
Say's Phoebe				1	1		1						3
Western Kingbird	8	1	42	1	12	60		71					195
Eastern Kingbird			3	5	1	1		5					15

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LOCATION	CCR	LBC	BLSP	CSP	WAT	BLP	CCSP	RMA					
Loggerhead Shrike			1										1
Bell's Vireo						1							1
Plumbeous Vireo			1	2	1		6						10
Warbling Vireo			3		4			4					11
Steller's Jay							4						4
Blue Jay	1	2					1	4					8
Western Scrub-Jay							6						6
Black-billed Magpie	3	6	7	5	1		5	7					34
American Crow	5	2		3	5		6						21
Common Raven		1		1	4		2						8
Horned Lark				3	2	38	9	2					54
Tree Swallow	4	10	4	13	11		20	42					104
Violet-green Swallow			5				62						67
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			8	2	5		5	2					22
Bank Swallow				21		1							22
Cliff Swallow		6	60	30	10	150	35	5					296
Barn Swallow	2	15	4		16	35		18					90
swallow sp.					5			20					25
Black-capped Chickadee	1	9		3	9	2	5						29
Mountain Chickadee							2						2
Red-breasted Nuthatch							3						3
White-breasted Nuthatch				2	2		6						10
Pygmy Nuthatch							1						1
Brown Creeper							2						2
Rock Wren			2	1			6						9
Canyon Wren							1						1
House Wren	1	17	27	25	127		28	32					257
Marsh Wren	1												1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1									1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				15	4		5	3					27
Western Bluebird							12						12
Mountain Bluebird							22						22
Swainson's Thrush				1									1
American Robin	10	72	29	22	40	12	32	32					249
Gray Catbird				3	2								5
Northern Mockingbird					1			2					3
Brown Thrasher			1										1
European Starling	65	102	50	28	27	185	35	53					545
American Pipit		1	1										2
Cedar Waxwing					2								2
Orange-crowned Warbler			1		1								2
Virginia's Warbler				1			1						2
Yellow Warbler	1	13	18	45	115		2	2					196
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6	11	13	11	6	4		13					64
"Myrtle" race	1			3				1					(5)
"Audubon's" race	5			8	4			8					(25)
American Redstart				1									1

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DATE	CCR	LBC	BLSP	CSP	WAT	BLP	CCSP	RMA					
LOCATION													
Northern Waterthrush				1									1
Common Yellowthroat	3		3	5	3	1	1	2					18
Yellow-breasted Chat				9	23								32
Western Tanager		2						1					3
Green-tailed Towhee	1		4	1			2	11					19
Spotted Towhee			1	10	11		24	1					47
Canyon Towhee						1							1
Chipping Sparrow		2	16	6		11		54					89
Clay-colored Sparrow		1	1										2
Brewer's Sparrow			1			2							3
Field Sparrow								1					1
Vesper Sparrow		1		1	7		7	5					21
Lark Sparrow			5	3		5	1	6					20
Lark Bunting						26	1	16					43
Savannah Sparrow		1	1										2
Song Sparrow	5	6	4	6	39		5						65
Lincoln's Sparrow			4					1					5
Harris's Sparrow			1										1
White-crowned Sparrow	1	1	7	4		4		9					26
"Gambel's" race				4									(4)
Dark-eyed Junco							2						2
"Gray-headed" race							2						(2)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					2								2
Black-headed Grosbeak					2		11	2					15
Lazuli Bunting							2						2
Indigo Bunting							1						1
Red-winged Blackbird	25	148	85	11	32	92	3	84					480
Western Meadowlark	3		18	21	32	38	37	69					218
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2	4	30			2		19					57
Brewer's Blackbird	50		3		10		2						65
Common Grackle	110	106	75	8	26	26	3	32					386
Great-tailed Grackle			2			23		3					28
Brown-headed Cowbird	120	20	16	20	56	5	44	9					290
Baltimore Oriole						1							1
Bullock's Oriole	5	6	23	4	5	9		39					91
House Finch	18	40		1	9	12	5	16					101
Lesser Goldfinch				4			3						7
"Green-backed" race				4									(4)
American Goldfinch	25	4	2	7	17		14	6					75
Evening Grosbeak					2								2
House Sparrow	18	36	20		1	106		4					185
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	934	1227	1190	612	935	1341	588	1154	0	0	0	0	7,981
TOTAL SPECIES	62	62	83	84	72	57	65	82	0	0	0	0	160

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SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS												TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1	2	9	12	15	15	16	22	23	29-31	29	30	4	11	18	25	
	BLU	LON	GAL	BEL	CHA	ROC	BAR	PAW	CHI	CRE	ROC	ROK	KEN	AUD	BAR	PAW	
Red-billed Grebe		1				4		2									7
Eared Grebe		1				24				6							31
Western Grebe		180			10	3	27	2	1	4					18		245
Clark's Grebe		2					1	1							3		7
American White Pelican	7	64			45	1	28	14		49					79		287
Double-crested Cormorant	3	16		6	6	3	5	1	1	14				11	21		87
American Bittern								3									3
Great Blue Heron	3	57		1	8	3	4	5	3	6				6	9		105
Great Egret		16						1									17
Snowy Egret	7				1			1									9
Black-crowned Night-Heron	4	4		2		1											11
White-faced Ibis		17			2	2											21
Turkey Vulture		2			1			1		12	1	5	3	2			27
Canada Goose	4	5		40	5	24	47	15	16	90				9	129		384
Wood Duck						2											2
Gadwall	2	76		8	8	12	14	10	10	10					20		170
American Wigeon		1								6							7
Mallard	8	58		35	7	16	31	10	8	13	10		1	6	13		216
Blue-winged Teal		7		1	1	8	8	10	4	5					2		46
Cinnamon Teal		22			3		6	6							9		46
Northern Shoveler		69			7	8	7	1		100					4		196
Northern Pintail										7							7
Green-winged Teal		1			1	4		4		5							15
Canvasback										3							3
Redhead				5		2		1	4	21							33
Ring-necked Duck		10						2									12
Lesser Scaup		8				4											12
Bufflehead		7															7
Common Merganser					4												4
Ruddy Duck		6				12			12	5							36
Osprey		2								2			1				5
Bald Eagle		1			1										1		3
Northern Harrier								3		4					2		9
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1							1							3
Cooper's Hawk				1		1											2
Swinerton's Hawk	3	7		2		4	3	10	1	7					1	4	42
Red-tailed Hawk		15	3		3	2		3	3	8							37
western races								3									(3)
Ferruginous Hawk									1	1						1	3
Golden Eagle		3	1									3					7
American Kestrel	1	8	1	2		5	3	10		17			1		1	3	52
Peregrine Falcon		1						1									2
Ring-necked Pheasant		1					2	3		7					1		14
Wild Turkey										11							11

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	1	2	9	12	15	15	16	22	23	29-31	29	30	4	11	18	25	
	BLU	LON	GAL	BEL	CHA	ROC	BAR	PAW	CHI	CRE	ROC	ROX	KEN	AUD	BAR	PAW	
Northern Bobwhite										4							4
Sora				1													1
American Coot		122		1	10	3	54	2	22	5					35		254
Semipalmated Plover		3															3
Killdeer	2	6		5	3	9	8	30	4	27					13	4	111
Mountain Plover								2									2
Black-necked Stilt		3															3
American Avocet	4	10		2	3			7		44							70
Greater Yellowlegs		3			3												6
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	1						2		2							6
Willet		11						1		6							18
Spotted Sandpiper		1			2	2	3	6			5				3		22
Upland Sandpiper										13							13
Long-billed Curlew										14							14
Marbled Godwit		2															2
Semipalmated Sandpiper								5		225							230
Western Sandpiper								2		20							22
Least Sandpiper										20							20
White-rumped Sandpiper								1									1
Baird's Sandpiper										35							35
Pectoral Sandpiper										1							1
Stilt Sandpiper								25									25
Long-billed Dowitcher								2									2
Wilson's Snipe		1								1							2
Wilson's Phalarope		32			7			100		15							154
Red-necked Phalarope										2							2
Franklin's Gull		34			17												51
Ring-billed Gull				13	20		10	6		37							86
California Gull					1												1
gull sp.														3	1		4
Forster's Tern		12						5		30							47
Black Tern								21		4							25
Rock Pigeon		1	4	6			1	20		8		4	4			2	50
Eurasian Collared dove								20		5							25
White-winged Dove																10	10
Mourning Dove	5	8	6	10	14	30	12	100	8	105		2	3	4	23		330
Great Horned Owl	2	1				2			4	5					2	1	17
Burrowing Owl						3		5	1							3	12
Long-eared Owl						1											1
Short-eared Owl								2									2
Common Nighthawk								1		12						2	15
Chimney Swift										18							18
White-throated Swift			4									10					14
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1		9		11		1			1	6	3	4	2			38
Belted Kingfisher	2	1		1	4			1		3				1			13
Red-bellied Woodpecker										6							6

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	1	2	9	12	15	15	16	22	23	29-31	29	30	4	11	18	25	
	BLU	LON	GAL	BEL	CHA	ROC	BAR	PAW	CHI	CRE	ROC	ROX	KEN	AUD	BAR	PAW	
Red-naped Sapsucker											2						2
Downy Woodpecker	1				2	1	2	1		6			2		1	1	17
Hairy Woodpecker											2			1			3
Northern Flicker	4	1	4	5	6	4	3	3		8		2	3	3	5	2	53
"Yellow-shafted" race										(4)							(4)
"Red-shafted" race		(1)	(4)		(6)			(3)		(4)							(10)
Olive-sided Flycatcher									2		1				2		5
Western Wood Pewee			1		1	6	1	8	1	11	2	1			3	1	36
Willow Flycatcher								1									1
Least Flycatcher					2			2								1	5
Cordilleran Flycatcher		1						1		1	1				6		10
empidonax sp.								3	2		1				2		8
Eastern Phoebe																1	1
Say's Phoebe	1	1	1				1		4			2	1				11
Western Kingbird		2			2	31	62	65	25	94					37	40	368
Eastern Kingbird					5	5	40	15	4	23	1			2	10	2	107
Loggerhead Shrike	1							1		5						1	8
White-eyed Vireo							1										1
Rufous Vireo					2		1										3
Webbing Vireo							1			1	3		1		1		7
Vireo sp.															2		2
Red-eyed Vireo								1									1
Stellar's Jay			1								2						3
Blue Jay								1		6			3			1	11
Western Scrub Jay			7									10	2				19
Black-billed Magpie	2	1	1	2	7	4		2		3	15		3	4			44
American Crow	2		1	1	9				1	7	3	6	2				32
Common Raven								2				4	2				8
Horned Lark								300	2	65						50	417
Tree Swallow					25	30	4		6	18	20						103
Violet-green Swallow			4	1	20	1		10	30		8	25	4	4			107
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				25	10		4		4	10			2	1			56
Barn Swallow					14	7		1									22
Cliff Swallow	1	200		25	20	151		75	14	140				3	3	1	633
Barn Swallow	3	82			10	112		10	8	77						2	304
swallow sp.															1		1
Black-capped Chickadee			2		2		1	1				2	2	3			13
Mountain Chickadee											10						10
White-breasted Nuthatch			1														1
Pygmy Nuthatch			4														4

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DFO Field Trip Summaries May 2004, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS												TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1	2	9	12	15	15	16	22	23	29-31	29	30	4	11	18	25	
	BLU	LON	GAL	BEL	CHA	ROC	BAR	PAW	CHI	CRE	ROC	ROX	KEN	AUD	BAR	PAW	
Rock Wren						1											1
Bewick's Wren										1							1
House Wren					30	2	4	10	3	4	15	5	1	15	6	3	98
Marsh Wren								5		1							6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet											2		1				3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			10		1	1		3				8					23
Western Bluebird			2								2					1	5
Mountain Bluebird											14						14
Townsend's Solitaire			1														1
Veery																2	2
Swainson's Thrush					2		5	25		10						150	192
Hermit Thrush															1	2	3
American Robin	9	2	11	15	15	13	15	25	10	58	12	2	6	6	9	25	233
Gray Catbird					3		1	10			1					7	22
Northern Mockingbird									3							1	4
Brown Thrasher								3		7							10
European Starling	4	2	1	10	8	7	6	1	6	185			5	5	8	4	252
Cedar Waxwing								4	1	18						1	24
Orange-crowned Warbler						1				1			1				3
Nashville Warbler								1									1
Virginia's Warbler			6														6
Yellow Warbler			1	2	35	1	9	30	12	9		3		26	12	25	165
Magnolia Warbler										2							2
Black-throated Blue Warbler								1									1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	1			25	15	7	1	6	1	11		8	1	3	2	83
"Myrtle" race	2				4												(6)
"Audubon's" race					21		(7)		6		11				3		(48)
Black-and-white Warbler										1							1
American Redstart								5								2	7
Ovenbird							1										1
Northern Waterthrush								1									1
MacGillivray's Warbler								2			1				2	1	6
Common Yellowthroat					1			5	3	7						1	17
Wilson's Warbler										1							1
Yellow-breasted Chat			2		12									10			24
Western Tanager					2	2	1	2			4	1			3	1	16
Green-tailed Towhee			4								1	1					6
Spotted Towhee			22							2		6					30
Chipping Sparrow			13			20	12	6	2		5				3		61
Clay-colored Sparrow								2								1	3
Brewer's Sparrow		1								1							2
spizella sp.									1								1
Vesper Sparrow	1				2					5		10					18
Lark Sparrow						14		15	20	9						7	65
Lark Bunting						10		500	25	92						125	752

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SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS												TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1	2	9	12	15	15	16	22	23	29-31	29	30	4	11	18	25	
DATE	BLU	LON	GAL	BEL	CHA	ROC	BAR	PAW	CHI	CRE	ROC	ROX	KEN	AUD	BAR	PAW	
Savannah Sparrow								1									1
Grasshopper Sparrow								4									4
Song Sparrow	5	7		6	3		2	1	2				7	4	2	1	40
Lincoln's Sparrow											3				1		4
White-crowned Sparrow	1	27			2	3	1	1	1		4		1		2		43
Dark-eyed Junco											3						3
"Gray-headed" race											3						(3)
McCom's Longspur								20								2	22
Chastnut-collared Longspur															4		4
Northern Cardinal										2							2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak						1											1
Black-headed Grosbeak								6				1	1			1	9
Blue Grosbeak									1	2							3
Lazuli Bunting			4							2							6
Bobolink										2							2
Red-winged Blackbird	10	26	1	20	10	16	16	200	40	128			40	9	15	2	533
Western Meadowlark	5	9	3	4	12	25	4	45	12	59	1		1	1	13	10	204
Yellow-headed Blackbird		450			1	6		40	10	38							545
Brewer's Blackbird	1						1			1			3				6
Common Grackle	2	1	7	20	15	33	13	10	12	186				2	21		322
Great-tailed Grackle								5	3	7					5	2	22
Brown-headed Cowbird		4	3	4	15	9	5	20	3	5	1	10	5	14	9	7	114
Orchard Oriole								2		18					1		21
Baltimore Oriole										5							5
Bullock's Oriole				2	2	18	36	30	6	17		1	2	3	32	4	153
House Finch		11	7	5		2		20	4	19		4	6	1			79
Pine Siskin											2						2
Lesser Goldfinch					2					1							3
"Green-backed" race										1							(1)
American Goldfinch	5	1	5		10		4	20	4	15		3	1		2	10	80
House Sparrow		8	2	3			4	10	5	67			3		16		138
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	119	1759	161	292	553	747	543	2081	401	2566	175	134	136	162	629	537	10,995
TOTAL SPECIES	36	71	38	36	67	61	53	106	53	108	35	27	36	30	52	50	195

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DFO Additional Reports May 2004

Species	Dates#	Location	County	Observers & notes
Green Heron	5/14/2	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Green Heron	5/16/2	Florence	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Allan Burns
American Bittern	5/13/1c	Fort Lyon	Benit	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Tony Leukering
Snowy Egret	5/14/7	Prospect Pond Wheat Ridge GB	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
White Ibis	5/25/1a	Rock Canyon/Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Ruth Hulsey
Broad-winged Hawk	5/16/1	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Allan Burns
Peregrine Falcon	5/15/1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black Rail	5/13/3c	Fort Lyon	Benit	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Tony Leukering
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/23/1	Lower Church Lake	Jefferson	Semo, Roller, Spencer
Laughing Gull	5/25/1a	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Glaucous Gull	5/19, 5/27/1 1st yr	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Caspian Tern	5/26-28/1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Common Tern	5/19/2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Ely
Least Tern	5/16/1	Florence	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Allan Burns, Mark Peterson
Black Tern	18-May/1	Walden Pond	Boulder	Bob Spencer
Common Loon	5/16/1	Brush Hollow Reservoir	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Allan Burns, Mark Peterson
Common Loon	5/23/1	Goodnight River Trail ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5/17/1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Greater Roadrunner	5/25/1	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Black-chinned Hummingbird	5/25/1m	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Red-headed Woodpecker	5/24-26/1	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Red-naped Sapsucker	5/13/1f	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Tony Leukering
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	5/16/1	Brush Hollow Reservoir	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Allan Burns, Mark Peterson
Olive-sided Flycatcher	5/23/2s	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Yaeger
Alder Flycatcher	5/17-19/1c	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Nancy Gobris
Least Flycatcher	5/14-17/1-2	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Eastern Phoebe	5/13-19/1-2	Burnt Mill Road	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black Phoebe	5/13/1	Burnt Mill Road	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering, Chris Wood
Black Phoebe	5/16/1	Near Penrose	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Allan Burns, Mark Peterson
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/13/1s	Meadow Creek, Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering, Chris Wood
Red-eyed Vireo	5/17/1	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Veery	5/14/1	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Veery	5/17/1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Ely
Townsend's Solitaire	5/15/1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Dan Bridges (Late for mountain bird to be on Plains)
Golden-winged Warbler	5/23/1s	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Tennessee Warbler	5/13/1m	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Tennessee Warbler	5/15/1f	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Tennessee Warbler	5/21-25/1-2m	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Parula	5/21/1s	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/15/1m	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/20/1s	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/20/1	Rawley Downs, Parker	Douglas	Tim Davis
Magnolia Warbler	5/15-17/1-2m	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5/15/1m	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black-throated Gray Warbler	5/21/1s	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Black-throated Green Warbler	5/17/1m	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Blackburnian Warbler	5/16/1s	Florence	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Allan Burns

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Yellowthroated Warbler	5/14	1s	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Palm Warbler	5/14-17	1-2	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Palm Warbler	5/17	2	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Palm Warbler (western race)	5/19	1	Belmar Historic Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Blackpoll Warbler	5/14	1	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Bob Brown
Blackpoll Warbler	5/17	1m	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Blackpoll Warbler	5/21	1s	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Blackpoll Warbler	5/23	1s	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Yaeger
American Redstart	5/13-19	1ms	Meadow Creek in Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
American Redstart	5/16	1f	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Allan Burns, Mark Peterson
American Redstart	5/17	1f	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Ovenbird	5/15-17	2	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Ovenbird	5/17	1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Northern Waterthrush	5/13-17	1-6	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Kentucky Warbler	5/25-28	1s	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Mourning Warbler	5/14-15	1m	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
White-throated Sparrow	5/1	1s	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Joan Truan, m.ob.
Summer Tanager	5/17	1f	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Scarlet Tanager	5/13	1f	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Tony Leukering
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/13	1s	Rye	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Tony Leukering
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/19	1f	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, David Ely
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/23	1f	Arkansas River, below Pueblo City Pk	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Indigo Bunting	5/13	1s	Meadow Creek, Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Tony Leukering
Bobolink	5/18	2	Cherryvale meadow	Boulder	Bob Spencer
Bobolink	5/11	10	Winkler Ranch	Douglas	Veronica Holt, Kathy Dressell

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 Thank you for your submittals. Any DFO member can send sightings to Elna Cain, elnacain13@aol.com

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Lark Bunting Via Email...

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Advantages

- Receive the Lark Bunting on a timely basis, not dependent on the Printer or the Post Office.
- Reduce DFO's printing and postage costs.
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- Create your own Lark Bunting file on your computer.

Requirements

- Adobe Acrobat - Can be downloaded, free, by connecting to acrobat.com.
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Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Allison Hilf ahilf@aol.com and Meredith Anderson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules that you can download: www.dfobirders.org.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. **The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

***All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year
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"Use the Shape, Luke!"

Mark your calendars now for the resumption in September of the DFO monthly Feature Programs.

Wednesday, September 1, continues the theme of "feather birding" dependencies! Tony Leukering of the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, will present his program entitled *"Use the Shape, Luke!"* emphasizing the use of shapes of birds and their parts in the identification process.



Anyone who has been participating in Bill Maynard's Mystery Quiz on [COBirds](#) is a believer in the value of this useful discipline. The meeting will be Sept. 1, 7:30 pm in the VIP Room of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, directions on page 11.



DFO Field Trips for August 2004

Sunday, August 1

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. Meet leader at 0800 at the Visitor's Center at the Park. State Parks Pass required. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Bring extra water.

Saturday, August 7

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194

Meet leader at 0815 at Park Visitor's Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance on US 36. Bring lunch and water. Parks Pass required. The entrance fee is \$15 per car.

Sunday, August 8

Crow Valley Campground and Pawnee National Grasslands

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0730 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson, off I-76. Bring lunch, snacks and water for a long day of birding. Should see prairie birds as well as early fall migrants. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Please call leader if going to facilitate carpooling.

Saturday, August 14

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Buzz Schaumburg 303-699-1721

Meet leader in park parking lot at 0700. From intersection of Main Street and Hwy 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right on to Indian Pipe Lane to parking area. Bring lunch and drinking water, trip will finish shortly after lunch. Easy walking on mostly paved trails.

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DFO Field Trips for August 2004, continued

Sunday, August 15 Chatfield State Park

Leader: Glenn Walbek, 303-841-8251

Meet leader at 0700 at the swim beach inside the west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. 1/2 day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

Friday-Sunday, August 20-22 Dinosaur National Monument

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Will leave Denver Friday morning and drive to Northwestern Colorado. Will stay in inexpensive motels and eat breakfasts and dinners in restaurants. Participants should bring lunches for three days. Plan to return to Denver by 1700 Sunday evening. Will follow the suggestions for this area found in ABA Birder's Guide to Colorado. Contact leader by August 15 to arrange carpooling, meeting place and times.

Saturday, August 21 Longmont Area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0700 at Jim Hamm Park. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at 17th Ave. This will be a three-quarter to full day trip so bring lunch and extra water. State Parks Pass may be needed.

Sunday, August 22 Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069

Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. From I-76 east, take the Bromley Lane exit-west to Picadilly Lane and turn south to park entrance. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Easy walking. State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, August 28 Turkey Creek Canyon

Leader: Mike Foster, 303-279-3026

Historic Bird Survey #8. Rockwell and Wetmore only visited Turkey Creek once so we have to make the most of it by walking along several stretches, driving in-between. Walk for 3-4 miles. Call Mike to sign up and to learn of any last minute changes. Bring lunch for a bit more than half a day. Meet at 0700 at Wild Bird Center, in mall just NE of intersection of Youngfield and 32nd Avenue, (an exit of I-70). We'll return to WBC for refreshments.

Sunday, August 29 Chief Hosa

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072

Meet leader at RTD Park and Ride west side of South Wadsworth Blvd. just south of Hampden Ave. (US 285) at 0800. Will explore the area near Chief Hosa and the Stapleton Braille Trail. Trip will involve easy walking and should see lots of hummingbirds. Lunch optional, half day trip.

Scheduled by Jackie King

Field Trip Information

If you have registered with the trip leader and then find you are unable to go on the trip, let the leader know ahead of time. This is most important if there is a sign-up and waiting list. DO NOT call the leader the morning of the trip, as this tends to wake up the entire household. Best procedure is to check the Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750 or web site www.dfobirders.org for last minute trip changes or cancellations

DFO Field Trips Summaries June 2004

June 5, Saturday

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Bob Farreau, Debbie Farreau, Sally Fouch, Tom Fouch, Peggy Hankins, Shannon Jacobs, Larry Modesett, Lyndy Modesett, Alan Montgomery, Bob Montgomery, Jacki Wallace. **Time:** 0730-1300.

Distance: 5 miles by car, 13 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, woodland, riparian and grassland, elevation 6300'.

Weather: Sunny, 60-80°F, southwestern wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 49 species, 239 individuals.

June 6, Sunday

Chatfield State Park (CHA), Information not available at time of printing.

June 12, Saturday

Pebble Creek Drainage (adjacent to Bailey Nesting Area), Summit County (PEB)

Leader(s): Norm Lewis. **Observers:** DFO - Meredith Anderson, Barbara Bathe, Sue Bonfield, Peggy and Derek Hankins, Bob Hutchison, Diane Luck, Betty and Don Minges, Sally Plummer, Toni Rautus, Barbara Thomas, Debbie Westbrook; Angus & Dundee - Mary Behan, Trevor Donaldson, Dorothy Fyffe, Andy Girr, Lorraine Hepburn, Doris Malcolm, Bob McCurley (chairman), John Ogilvie, Rodney Payne, Andrew Shepherd. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 18 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain riparian, aspen and conifer forest, river. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 45-60°F, minimal wind. **Totals:** 148 species, 38 individuals.

June 12 Saturday

Wyoming Raptors (WYO), Information not available at time of printing.

June 13, Sunday

South Platte River at Carson Nature Center (SOU)

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Alison Donnelly, Leslie Gerard, Beverly Guild, Kristy Honnen, Mary Ellen Sargeant, Charles Warren, EJ Warren, Keith Warren, Steffanie Warren, Mike Weinberg. **Time:** 0745-1100. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lowland riparian, shortgrass prairie, suburban. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 61-80°F, no wind. **Totals:** 36 species, 208 individuals.

June 19, Saturday

Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)

Leader(s): Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Debbie Kennedy, Toni Rautus, Buzz Schaumberg, Mike Seruto. **Time:** 0730-1330. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Water, riparian, prairie, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Overcast with fog, 45-60°F, northeastern wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 48 species, 1539 individuals.

June 20, Sunday

South Mesa Trail, Boulder (SOU)

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Johyn Flavin, Peter Frechtel, Margorie Schmitz. **Totals:** 38 species, 197 individuals.

June 26, Saturday

Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass and Milligan Lakes (HAC)

Leader(s): Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins. **Observers:** Carol Blackard, Scott Blackard, Veronica Holt, Bob Hutchinson, Charlie Lawrence, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0830-1530. **Distance:** 38.7 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grassland, wet meadows, alpine slopes, aspen willow, lakes, elevation 9500-11000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy with rain and hail in am, overcast and windy in pm, 45-58°F, north-northwestern wind, 0-25 mph. **Totals:** 56 species, 541 individuals.

June 27, Sunday

Canon City (CAN), Information not available at time of printing.

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DFO Field Trip Summaries June 2004, continued**Tuesday Birders****June 1***Lair O'The Bear (LAI)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 44 (three groups). **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, willow, cottonwood and some ponderosa pine and blue spruce, elevation 6530'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy, 63-70°F, calm. **Totals:** 40 species, 253 individuals.

June 8*Stapleton Drive, Braille Trail near Chief Hosa, Genesee Mountain Park*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 26 (two groups). **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponderosa pine woodland, elevation 7200-7600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 65-80°F, northwestern wind, 0-6 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 104 individuals.

June 15*Lower White Ranch (LOW)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 27 (two groups). **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, choke cherry, elevation 6150-6600'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy, 74-76°F, light breeze. **Totals:** 32 species, 109 individuals.

June 22*Reynolds Park Jeffco Open Space (REY)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 27. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot (two groups). **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, ponderosa pine and douglas fir, elevation 6000-7400'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy, 50-62°F, northwestern wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 21 species, 108 individuals.

June 29*Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, McGraw Ranch Cow Creek Trail and Prather Ashe Property*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 1000-1300. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, spruce and ponderosa woodlands, willow with some aspen groves, elevation 7756'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to light rain later, 60-70°F, variable wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 33 species, 110 individuals.

**The Lark Bunting Editor Got Mail!**

Hi Veronica - I went to Gregory Canyon with Gregg Goodrich's group on the 4th of July and we saw a lot of Lazuli buntings, (in fact it was the first bird I saw there).

When I came home and showed my daughter the bunting in the field guide, she said, "Mom, you saw red white and blue birds on a red white and blue day!" It was a marvelous trip and a beautiful day. Just thought I would share!

Trish Schumacher

DFO Field Trip Summary Table June 2004

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	5	6	12	12	13	19	20	26	27	1	8	15	22	29	
	CAS	CHA	PEB	WYO	SOU	CHE	SOU	HAC	CAN	LAI	STA	LOW	REY	EST	
Pied-billed Grebe								2							2
Eared Grebe								20							20
Western Grebe						475									475
American White Pelican					1	62									63
Double-crested Cormorant					3	67									70
Great Blue Heron	1				4	6				2					13
Black-crowned Night-Heron					2	9									11
Turkey Vulture	30						13			2	1	1		2	49
Canada Goose			34		7	75		63							179
Gadwall					1			2							3
Mallard			2		7	12		10		8					39
Blue-winged Teal					3	3		3							9
Cinnamon Teal								4							4
Green-winged Teal								4							4
Redhead								4							4
Ring-necked Duck								10							10
Lesser Scaup								10							10
Bufflehead								4							4
Ruddy Duck								7							7
Osprey			2												2
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1			1
Swainson's Hawk					1	2		1							4
Red-tailed Hawk	5		1		2		5	1		1	1	1	2	2	21
western races			1												(1)
Golden Eagle							1					1			2
American Kestrel					1	3	1					1			6
Peregrine Falcon							3								3
Ring-necked Pheasant						1									1
Killdeer					3	4		3							10
American Avocet								1							1
Spotted Sandpiper			1		1			2							4
Wilson's Snipe								3							3
Wilson's Phalarope								12							12
Ring-billed Gull						23		1							24
California Gull						8									8
Rock Pigeon						20									20
Mourning Dove	12				7	27	2	1		2		5	6		62
Yellow-billed Cuckoo													1		1
Great Horned Owl						3									3
White-throated Swift	5						6								11
Black-chinned Hummingbird						2									2
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	6		1				4	8		13	17	2	12	5	68
Belted Kingfisher					3					1					4
Williamson's Sapsucker			2												2
Red-naped Sapsucker			6					12						2	20
Downy Woodpecker						5									5
Hairy Woodpecker	1		2								1				4
Three-toed Woodpecker			1												1
Northern Flicker			1		7	18	3	4		5	1			2	41
Red-shafted race			(1)			(18)									(19)

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	CAS	CHA	PEB	WYO	SOU	CHE	SOU	HAC	CAN		LAI	STA	LOW	REY	EST	
Olive-sided Flycatcher												2			1	3
Western Wood-Pewee	2		2		3	9	2	2			10	1	1		2	34
Cordilleran Flycatcher	3										9	3		5	5	25
Say's Phoebe	2															2
Western Kingbird					4	8	2						3			17
Eastern Kingbird						1										1
Plumbeous Vireo	4										1	3				8
Warbling Vireo	1		3		3	5		7			11	2	5	18	2	57
Red-eyed Vireo											1	1				2
Gray Jay			1													1
Stellar's Jay	2		2				3				2	1		8	3	21
Blue Jay						2										2
Western Scrub-Jay	2															2
Black-billed Magpie	2		6		1	10	2	8				2	1		6	38
American Crow	5		14								1		3	2	4	29
Common Raven	2						8	8				1				19
Horned Lark								30								30
Tree Swallow	6		10		2			24			21	2			2	67
Violet-green Swallow	35		12			154	15	6			16	6	3	3	25	275
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	1				10	4					1					16
Bank Swallow											2					2
Cliff Swallow	3				40	200		55			2					300
Barn Swallow	1					6					2		1		4	14
Black-capped Chickadee	4		1		2	19	8				4	1		2	1	42
Mountain Chickadee	1		2				2				2	7		8	2	24
Red-breasted Nuthatch											1			1		2
White-breasted Nuthatch	3		1									3			1	8
Pygmy Nuthatch												3			6	9
Rock Wren	1															1
Canyon Wren	1						1									2
House Wren	4		2			18	2	10			15	2	1	10	4	68
American Dipper											8					8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1					15				1		3	2	22
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3				2	3	4									12
Western Bluebird												4				4
Mountain Bluebird	5							10							6	21
Hermit Thrush								4				2		2		8
American Robin	2		4		10	30	2	20			15	6	9	8		106
Gray Catbird							2				4		1			7
European Starling	10				12	15	15	7				1				60
Cedar Waxwing	3										7					10
Virginia's Warbler	1						2									3
Yellow Warbler	3		1		5	42	1				22		4			78
Yellow-rumped Warbler			1					8				1			2	12
"Audubon's" race			1					8							1	(10)
MacGillivray's Warbler														4		4
Common Yellowthroat						9										9
Wilson's Warbler			4					4								8
Yellow-breasted Chat	1						10						5			16
Western Tanager						1	2				6	1	2	3	1	16
Green-tailed Towhee	2						2							8	1	13

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	1	2	9	12	15	15	16	22	23	29-31	29	30	4	11	18	25	
	BLU	LON	GAL	BEL	CHA	ROC	BAR	PAW	CHI	CRE	ROC	ROX	KEN	AUD	BAR	PAW	
Western Tanager							1	2				6	1	2	3	1	16
Green-tailed Towhee	2							2							8	1	13
Spotted Towhee	8							40				6		6			60
Chipping Sparrow								2	7				4			4	17
Vesper Sparrow	8								6							3	17
Lark Sparrow														1			1
Savannah Sparrow									6								6
Song Sparrow	3			1		7	31					8		3		2	55
Lincoln's Sparrow				4					6								10
White-crowned Sparrow				3					14								17
Dark-eyed Junco				1					5						1		7
"Gray-headed" race				(1)					5								(6)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak												1					1
Black-headed Grosbeak	6			1				6				13	6	4			36
Blue Grosbeak								1									1
Lazuli Bunting	2							9						6			17
Bobolink	2																2
Red-winged Blackbird	1			5		20	30		4				1	1		1	69
Western Meadowlark	11					3	12	1	10					3		1	41
Brewer's Blackbird				7			10		20								37
Common Grackle						12	12		6								30
Bronzed Cowbird																3	3
Brown-headed Cowbird	12			2		4	5	2	25			5		7			62
Bullock's Oriole	1					5	19	4				7		7			43
Pine Grosbeak				2													2
Cassin's Finch									4								4
House Finch						2	20					6	11	3		1	43
Red Crossbill									2								2
Pine Siskin									10							2	12
Lesser Goldfinch	4							2				9	3	9			27
"Green-backed" race												8		2			(10)
"Black-backed" race												1		2			(3)
American Goldfinch	6					2	37	7				1	2	8			63
Evening Grosbeak															1		1
House Sparrow				2			2		6								10
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	239	0	148	0	208	1539	197	541	0	253	104	109	108	110			3,556
TOTAL SPECIES	49	0	38	0	36	48	38	56	0	40	34	32	21	33			128
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Additional Reports June 2004

	Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
21	Snowy Egret	4/2-6/29	1-3a	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
26	Green Heron	6/16	1i	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
97	Peregrine Falcon	6/26	1	Mesa Trail	Boulder	Bob Spencer
129	American Avocet	6/3-6/5	2a, 2i	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
134	Spotted Sandpiper	6/22-6/29	4a, 3-4i	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
189	Royal Tern	6/17	1	Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Joey Kellner, Paul Differding, Bob Spencer
233	Black-chinned Hummingbird	6/2-6/28	2m	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
253	Three-toed Woodpecker	6/20	m/f	Echo Lake Park	Clear Creek	Bob Brown, Lou Ann Brown
292	Red-eyed Vireo	6/22	1	Chaffield	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
354	Cedar Waxwing	6/8	1	4431 Gladiola	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
454	Blue Grosbeak	6/5	1	Upper Van Bibber	Jefferson	Bob Spencer

Welcome and Cheerio Scottish Birders!

Last month, 10 members of our twin club, the Angus and Dundee Bird Club (ADBC), spent just under a couple of weeks doing some intense birding in Colorado. This was the first visit to North America, so every bird (virtually) was a lifer. Other folks had a several target birds, which, thanks to their energy and that of members of the DFO Board and key leaders, were met!



Huge thanks from Bob McCurley and ADBC birders to Toni Rautus, Allison Hilf, Meredith Anderson, Norm Lewis, Scott Rashid, Joey Kellner, and all the DFO members who came to the party on Saturday. Not only did we get the chance to spend some social time together, official business was conducted! The Twinning Charter was ratified by both club presidents Toni Rautus and Bob McCurley.

DFO Historian Warren Finch attended the gathering, and sent us these photos, attesting to the signing of the charter and ratification of our two clubs agreement.

ADBC members have extended a warm invitation to birders in Colorado, and as the LB editor will attest, if you haven't birded in Scotland...well...see you all at the Montrose Basin in the fall!

Their web site: http://angusbirding.homestead.com/ADBC.html#anchor_53354



Welcome New Members!

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Contributions

Rare Bird Alert: None this month.

Educational Endowment Fund: Shannon Jacobs

Welcome Corporate Members, Carol and Jay Reed, Wild Bird Center.

Thanks to you all for your wonderful support!

Lark Bunting Via Email...

Beginning with the May issue, over 30 DFO members began to successfully receive their Lark Bunting by email. As many members renewed their memberships last fall prior to the application offering this option, this opportunity is now made available to those who missed the first time.

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- Receive the Lark Bunting on a timely basis, not dependent on the Printer or the Post Office.
- Reduce DFO's printing and postage costs.
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Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

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The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Allison Hilf ahilf@aol.com and Meredith Anderson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules that you can download: www.dfobirders.org.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. **The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

***All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year
if paid after October 1st.***

\$20.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

\$5 ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

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Colorado birds and how to digitally photograph them!

DFO presentation of the month—it's all about documentation, artistic expression, and last but not means least, understanding and working technology. Glenn Walbek our expert of the month will help you take the next digital step. Join us Wednesday October 6 at 7.30 pm.

Glenn Walbek has been in Colorado since 1991 and became interested in birding in the Spring of 1998. Since then, Glenn has been a serious birder and lister. In 2001, he started photographing birds after mating his digital camera with his scope. Three years and thousands of photographs later, Glenn will show us that anyone can take great pictures of birds for documentation purposes as well as artistic pleasure. Please turn to page 11 for directions.



DFO Field Trips for September 2004

Saturday, September 4 **Northeastern Colorado Fall Migrant Trip, Including Prewitt & Jackson Reservoir**
Leader: Joey Kellner 303-978-1748. Meet leader at 0500 at the Division of Wildlife lot located at 606 N. Broadway. Exit 125 at 58th and go west to Broadway, then north to Colorado Division of Wildlife. Full-day trip - bring lunch, water, etc. Both State and Wildlife Area Pass (\$3.00) and State Parks Pass required.

Sunday, September 5, Barr Lake. Leader: TBA Call Meredith Anderson (303-280-8576) for details.

2004 Fall Count Schedule

Thursday, September 9 **Cherry Creek Reservoir.** Leader: J. B. Hayes 303-798-9683. Meet at 0700 at Marina, inside west gate near Cherry Creek High School. State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, September 11

Waterton. Leader: Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723 Meet at 0630 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon). 4-5 mile hike downstream. Wear long due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed.

Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Dick Schottler 303-278-8035. Meet at 0630 at RMBO, 14500 Lark Bunting Lane. South off Bromley Lane; from I-76, first road east of railroad track. This is a ten-mile, all-day hike around the lake (or equivalent).

Chatfield State Park. Leader, Joey Kellner 303-978-1748. Meet at 0600 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday, September 12

Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz 303-680-3381. Meet at 0630 at the Homestead. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance; Homestead is first parking lot on the left. State Parks pass required.

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DFO Field Trips for September 2004, continued

Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: Jackie King 303-287-1644. Meet at 0700 at entrance gate to Barr Lake State Park. This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Urling Kingery 303-814-2723.

Call leader to sign up, either before Aug. 28 or after Sept. 8.

Monday, September 13 Lower Bear Creek & Marston Lake

Leader: Tamie Bulow 303-462-1238. Meet at 0700 at northwest corner of Hampden (US 285) and So. Sheridan Blvd., in front of Albertson's. Please call leader if you plan to go.

Friday and Saturday, September 10-11

All Species Count Bio Blitz 2004 Birders are needed to help monitor bird counts in several Denver-area parks and open spaces. Visit www.allspeciescount.org for more information and to register.

Saturday, September 18 Beaver Creek Trail

Leader: Mike Foster 303-279-3026 Historic Bird Survey #9. This trail goes up and down from Windy Saddle to Genesee Park through a pristine forest where we should see a good selection of forest birds. We'll hike 8-10 miles roundtrip, so bring lunch, water, and extra clothing in case of bad weather. Meet at Wild Bird Center at 0700, in mall just NE of intersection of Youngfield/32nd Avenue (an exit of I-70 is there). We'll return to WBC for refreshments.

Sunday, September 19 Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Sue Schulman 303-773-3540 Meet leader at the Marina at 0700. Half-day trip. State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, September 25 Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Dave Rhoades 303-424-8633. Call leader for details and sign up for the trip. Space limited.

Sunday, September 26 Chico Basin Ranch

Leader: Bill Schmoker; Call Allison Hilf (303-369-2541) for trip details and to sign up. Great opportunity for fall migrants and regional specialties. We will engage a guide recommended by Chico Basin Ranch in the morning and bird with Bill Schmoker in the afternoon. Minimum 10 participants required; \$10 fee per person to Chico Basin Ranch and a \$100 fee to the guide to be divided among the participants. Call Allison Hilf for details and exact meeting location - we will be meeting at the Chico Basin Ranch at 0730. Hotel information for Saturday night available.

Saturday, October 2 North Table Mountain

Leader: Mike Foster 303-279-3026 Historic Bird Survey #10. This mesa attracts many of the same birds as its sister across the way, with a few interesting exceptions. Half day plus: bring snack and water. Walk 2-3 miles and gain 600'. Call Mike to sign up and to learn of any last minute changes. Meet at 0700 at Wild Bird Center, in mall just NE of intersection of Youngfield and 32nd Avenue. We'll return to WBC for refreshments.

Sunday, October 10 The Big Sit!

The Big Sit!, an international birding event, has exacting, loose, and frivolous rules. Big Sitters! count all the birds they see or hear as long as the Sitters! remain in a circle with a 17-foot diameter. Counting Sitters! may send out scouts and beaters to find birds and identify them, as long as he Sitter! sees the bird from the circle. All around the world, on this date, people will Big Sit!

DFO Leader: Joey Kellner 303-978-1748. Meeting place: Chatfield State Park old heron overlook. 6 a.m. to sunset. Contact leader for directions.

Audubon Society of Greater Denver. Leaders: Bob and Lee Ann Brown 303-491-6204. Meeting place: Audubon Center, Chatfield Park. 6 a.m. to sunset. Call ASGD for directions 303-973-9530).

Come and join Joey Kellner or Bob and Lee Ann Brown and other recruits, or both, for an hour, a morning, or all day. Drop by whenever you like or volunteer to substitute Big Sit! for the leaders for an hour or two. Bring chairs,

DFO Field Trips for September 2004, continued

breakfast, lunch, or dinner picnics, coffee, etc. Also binoculars, scopes, field guides, and other essential birding equipment.

Bird Watching Class

September 30; October 2 through November 6

Beginning bird watchers can learn the art and science of birding taught by long-time DFO members Urling and Hugh Kingery. Sponsored by Audubon Society of Greater Denver, the class covers identification, choosing and using binoculars and field guides and more. It consists of one evening introductory session, Sep. 30, and six Saturday field trips, Oct. 2-Nov. 6, plus an evening visit to the Zoology Dept. of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Class members can make up any field trips that they miss during future fall or spring class sessions. Contact Audubon at 303-973-9530 for cost and registration.

Scheduled by Allison Hilf and Meredith Anderson

DFO Field Trip Summaries July 2004

July 3, Saturday *Genesee Mountain Area, including feeder at house (GEN)*

Observers: Norm Lewis, Warren Finch, Alison Donnelly, Matthias Kondler. **Time:** 0700-1200. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills coniferous forest, elevation 6500'. **Weather:** Clear and sunny, 60-75°F, wind 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 40 species, 313 individuals.

July 4, Sunday *Gregory Canyon/Boulder Area (GRE)*

Leader(s): Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** Carol Blackard, Scott Blackard, Peggy Hankins, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Steve McKinney, Larry Modesitt, Trish Schumacher, Larry Wilson, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0730-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Suburban, meadows, mountain riparian, mountain shrub, mountain grassland, mountain ponderosa pine woodland, rocky cliffs, elevation 5500-6000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy and calm, 60-75°F. **Totals:** 46 species, 201 individuals.

July 10, Saturday *Lair o' the Bear and Mt Falcon (LAI)*

Leader(s): Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Sue Barnhart, Warren Finch, Peggy Fitzgerald, Beverlee Guild, Bob Hutchison, Neil Montague, Toni Rautus, Nina Rough, Mary Ellen Sargent, Trish Schumacher, Bill Smyth, Mary Stallings, Dan Steese, Ben Zank. **Time:** 0700-1600. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, coniferous forest, montane meadow. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, intermittent rain, 55-85°F, wind 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 51 species, 263 individuals.

July 11, Sunday *Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch (DEE)*

Leader(s): JB Hayes. **Observers:** Jean Davis, Bev DuGay, Bill Eden, Bob Rohwedder, Trish Schumacher. **Time:** 0700-1513. **Distance:** 39 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, scrub oak, mixed ponderosa/fir/spruce forest, meadow, lodge pole/aspen forest, elevation 5300-7800'. **Weather:** Clear, calm, hot, 60-90°F, variable wind, 5 mph. **Totals:** 55 species, 219 individuals.

July 17, Saturday *Lyons Area (LYO)*

Leader: Raymond Davis. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Ellie Baker, Jerry Blondell, Bill Boswell, Jean Davis, Patty Echelmeyer, Gordon Hodgson, Bob Hutchison, Charlie Lawrence, Norm Lewis, Jean Morgan, Peter Prechtel, A Rooney, Nina Rough, Mary Jane Satterwhite, Sue Schulman, Trish Schumacher, Mary Ellen Sargent, plus a couple of others. **Time:** 0830-1400. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and cliffside foothills, dry ponderosa, quick look at lake, elevation 5300-6000'. **Weather:** Perfect. **Totals:** 54 species, 193 individuals.

DFO Field Trip Summaries July 2004, continued

July 18, Sunday *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Jill Boyce, Bill Eden, Mary Stallings, Candice Taylor. **Time:** 0700-1200. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Montane riparian, conifer forest, elevation 9000'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 45-80°F, west wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 41 species, 215 individuals.

July 24, Saturday *Filius Park, Echo Lake and Summit Lake (FIL)*

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Leona Berger, Beverly Bresnick, Warren Finch, Jim Gruber (Ann Arbor, Michigan), Bob Hutchison, Sue Schulman, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-1530. **Distance:** 60 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa pine, spruce forest, lakeside with willows, tundra, elevation 7800-12800'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, foggy and misty, 40-55°F, east wind, 10-20 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 141 individuals.

July 25, Sunday *White Ranch Park (WHI)*

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Toni Rautus, Nina Routh, Mary Jane Sutterwhite. **Time:** 0700-1300. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa forest, foothills grassland and scrub. **Weather:** Mostly clear with morning fog, 50-70°F, no wind. **Totals:** 40 species, 224 individuals.

July 31, Saturday *South Table Mountain (SOU) with DFO and The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Beverly Dugay, Bill Eden, Gene Ellis (guest), Mary Ellen Sargent. **Time:** 0715-1130. **Distance:** 3 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Suburban, plains grassland, plains grassland deciduous, low-land riparian deciduous, semi-desert and foothills shrub, cliffs. **Weather:** Clear, 70-88°F, windy for first hour. **Totals:** 27 species, 115 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

July 6 *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 25 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, willow, meadows, aspen, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, elevation 8011-9500'. **Weather:** Sunny, 61-64°F, north-west wind, 0-5 mph and later northwest wind 15-20 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 82 individuals.

July 13 *Jarr Canyon to Indian Creek Campground at Pike National Forest (JAR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponderosa pine, aspen woodland, willow, elevation 7600'. **Weather:** Sunny, 70-85°F, wind calm. **Totals:** 29 species, 102 individuals.

July 20 *Los Lagos near Rollinsville (LOS)*

Leader(s): Betsy Owens and Connie Brandau. **Observers:** 46 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 4.5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, elevation 8600'. **Weather:** High clouds, 66-72°F, wind variable, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 32 species, 146 individuals.

July 27 *Evergreen Lake, Mt Evans Elk Mgt Wildlife Area, Ground Hog Flats Grass Creek Trail (EVE)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 13. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 16 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, ponderosa pine, douglas fir, spruce, aspen, elevation 7040-8600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to cloudy, 59-63°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 23 species, 94 individuals.

DFO Field Trip Summary Table July 2004

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	31		6	13	20	27	
	GEN	GRE	LAI	DEE	LYO	GOL	FIL	WHI	SOU		GOL	JAR	LOS	EVE	
American White Pelican					2										2
Double-crested Cormorant					7									5	12
Great Blue Heron		1	1	2									1		5
Turkey Vulture		6	4	1	3						1	1	4		20
Canada Goose														16	16
Mallard				1		3	6						1	5	16
Osprey													2		2
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1			1
Cooper's Hawk		1	2												3
Swainson's Hawk					1										1
Red-tailed Hawk	1		2	2	3	2							1		11
Golden Eagle					1			2						1	4
American Kestrel			2					5	4		1				12
Prairie Falcon		1		2		1									4
American Coot					2										2
Spotted Sandpiper						2							1		3
Wilson's Snipe		3													3
Rock Pigeon		1		3	12										16
Band-tailed Pigeon							5								5
Mourning Dove	5	1	2	15	5		1		12		2	1			44
Great Horned Owl					1										1
Common Nighthawk								3							3
White-throated Swift		2		5											7
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	50	21	13	3	11	12	12	6	2		6		6	6	148
Rufous Hummingbird					2		4	1							7
Belted Kingfisher					1						1				2
Williamson's Sapsucker	3					2							1		6
Red-naped Sapsucker						8	1								9
Downy Woodpecker	3		1	2	1		1				2				10
Hairy Woodpecker	2						1	3				3	2		11
"Rocky Mountain" race								3							(3)
Northern Flicker	4	5	3	1	2	6		2	8		4	1	2	2	40
"Red-shafted" race	(4)					(6)		(2)	(8)						(20)

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	3 GEN	4 GRE	10 LAI	11 DEE	17 LYO	18 GOL	24 FIL	25 WHI	31 SOU	6 GOL	13 JAR	20 LOS	27 EVE	
Olive-sided Flycatcher													2	2
Western Wood-Pewee	7	4	3	5	6	2	1	3	2	1	1			35
Hammond's Flycatcher				3										3
Dusky Flycatcher				1		4								5
Cordilleran Flycatcher	3	4	9	15	6	5	2			2	1	1	2	50
Say's Phoebe								1	1					2
Western Kingbird				1					6					7
Eastern Kingbird				2										2
Plumbeous Vireo			6	2				4						12
Warbling Vireo	1	17	3			2				4	9			36
Red-eyed Vireo										1				1
Gray Jay							1							1
Steller's Jay	2	3	1	2	2	4	4	7		3	1	1	1	31
Blue Jay		1			1					1				3
Western Scrub-Jay				2										2
Clark's Nutcracker						2								2
Black-billed Magpie	2		1	2		4		1	1	1				12
American Crow	14	1	4	3		3	6	8			2	32	4	77
Common Raven	3	2	7		3	2	9		1	4		2		33
Tree Swallow	40			3	4	24		10			1	1	4	87
Violet-green Swallow	16	7	30	12	8	13		1	5	3		5	13	113
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			4											4
Cliff Swallow				2	10									12
Barn Swallow		1		1	1	2	1				1			7
Black-capped Chickadee	3	3	7	2	3	1				1		1		21
Mountain Chickadee	15	20	5	9	2	13	6	6			4	4	1	85
Bushtit		2												2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6					3		4		1	1		1	16
White-breasted Nuthatch	17	1	3	2	2	1	2	3		1		5		37
Pygmy Nuthatch	10		16	24		14	11	25			24	13	1	138
Brown Creeper	2	1		3		1					1			8
Rock Wren			2		4			4	2					12
Canyon Wren		1	1											2
House Wren	13		10	6	5	6	1	4	3	5	8		6	67
American Dipper			2		1									3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							2			2	1	3		8
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		3	4						1					8
Western Bluebird	7				1		2	6						16
Mountain Bluebird	3		2	3	2	4	1	15		1		15	3	49
Townsend's Solitaire	2					1	1				1			5
Hermit Thrush	1						3			1	6			11
American Robin	19	4	11	7	13	15	2	5	7	9	3	1	2	98
Gray Catbird		12	6	1	2			1						22
Sage Thrasher									3					3
European Starling	5	1		1										7
American Pipit							12							12

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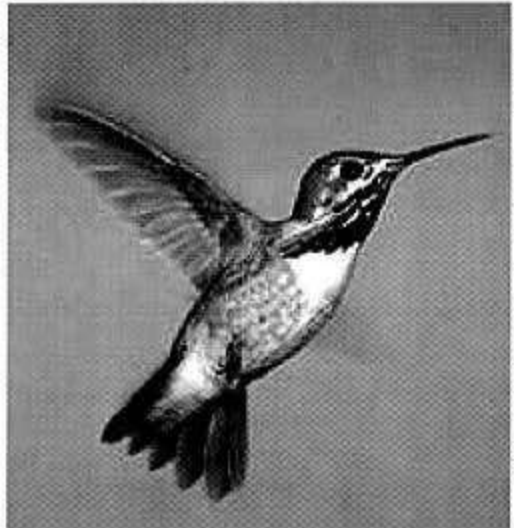
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Cedar Waxwing			1		4			2						7	
Virginia's Warbler			2	1										3	
Yellow Warbler			8	2	4					2				16	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	2	1	1		4				1	5	3	5	23	
"Audubon's" race	1		1	(1)		4								(7)	
Ovenbird											1			1	
MacGillivray's Warbler		1	3	1		4								9	
Wilson's Warbler							1							1	
Yellow-breasted Chat		6		1	1			4	3					15	
Western Tanager	4	4	6	3	3		1	7		1				29	
Green-tailed Towhee			3			2	1			1	1			8	
Spotted Towhee	1	25	5	12	4			15	9	1				72	
Chipping Sparrow	4		8	10	1	7	2	6	4	2	2	4	1	51	
Brewer's Sparrow									5					5	
Vesper Sparrow			4		1				3					8	
Lark Sparrow					2				1					3	
Savannah Sparrow				1										1	
Song Sparrow		1	3	2	2	8				3	1	1	2	23	
Lincoln's Sparrow						1	7					1		9	
White-crowned Sparrow							9							9	
Dark-eyed Junco	3		4	1		7	3	7		3	12	10		50	
"Gray-headed" race			4	1		7	3	7		3				(25)	
Black-headed Grosbeak	2	2	7	8	1			4	1	2	1			28	
Blue Grosbeak				1				4						5	
Lazuli Bunting		7	4	2	1			3						17	
Red-winged Blackbird		1		1	3	14				1		1	10	31	
Western Meadowlark		1		1	2			4	8	4				20	
Brewer's Blackbird	9					2				2				13	
Common Grackle	10	1			8									19	
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	6	6	3	3	3		2	1			7		32	
Bullock's Oriole		5			4				4					13	
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch							4							4	
Cassin's Finch			1											1	
House Finch	15	4	5	12	8		4	3	17					68	
Pine Siskin			2		3	1	10	12			7	8	1	44	
Lesser Goldfinch	4	3	19	5	7			20	1	1				60	
American Goldfinch		1	4		1			1				6		13	
House Sparrow		1					1							2	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	313	201	263	219	193	215	141	224	115	82	102	146	94	2,308	
TOTAL SPECIES	40	40	51	55	54	41	37	40	27	37	29	32	23	113	

Additional Reports July 2004

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
American White Pelican	7/20	11	Walker Pond, Franktown	Douglas	Veronica Holt
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7/29	1a	Chatfield Kingfisher Bridge parking lot	Jefferson	Scott Blackard, Carol Blackard
Black-chinned Hummingbird	7/1-7/30	up to 3m	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Lark Bunting	7/16	1f	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Grasshopper Sparrow	7/11	3	Douglas County Rd. 3 S of Titan Rd.	Douglas	Bob Brown

2004 Hummingbird Viewing Invitation



Hello All,

My yard is open for viewing hummingbirds & songbirds, August 3rd through October 1.

Unfortunately I have had hardly any rain where I live (unlike most other areas in the Denver area). Because of this, I cannot have folks standing on the grass. I am asking that you view my yard from two different places. One location is from the flagstone patio, which is just next to, and a bit east of the garage door. To see more birds (hopefully), it is better to stand in the middle of the patio, or to stand at the west side of the patio. Be very still, since some hummers come to the container plantings, which are in this area. There are two hummer feeders in the back yard, which can be seen from this location. The other location to view from, is the front driveway.

Stand either at the south end of the gravel driveway, (just south of and next to, the only two large boulders), or stand at the north end of the gravel driveway, (just west of and a bit north of, the furthest whiskey barrel plant container). You might want to bring a fold-up seat when viewing from the driveway. Do not walk back and forth in the gravel driveway, or patio, for you may disturb the hummingbirds, and other birders. The reason I ask this is because the hummers in my yard tend to go for flowers much more than feeders, and the flowers are closer to where you will be standing. There is a feeder at the front entrance of the house, and one near the south end of the driveway. The patio and driveway are hot. I suggest a hat, and that you come early morning or evening, although hummers are seen all day long.

Please leave a message on my voicemail, 303-794-2647, as to when you might be coming (day and time). There is no need to wait for a reply. My phone machine does not have a message on it. It just repeats that you have reached 303-794-2647. The following are the directions & instructions. Highway 285, and exit onto Sheridan. Go south on Sheridan. Pass Ft. Logan Cemetery (to your east). The first stoplight after the cemetery is W. Quincy & S. Sheridan. Continue south on Sheridan crossing Quincy, through this intersection. After the light, within about 60 yards is a stop sign (at the roundabout). At this stop sign, take a right onto Sunset. Go west about a quarter of a mile until you come to a second stop sign. Take a right at this stop sign, onto Bow Mar Drive. The first driveway on your right, after this stop sign has a post, which has 4400 on it. This is my driveway. It is 4400 Bow Mar Drive. Do not park in my driveway, or on the east side of Bow Mar Dr. Park on the west side of Bow Mar Drive.

Please sign in, and read any of my notes. There is a register book in the patio. Walk up the driveway to get to the patio next to the garage. If you see a Black-chinned hummer or something unusual in my yard, could you first leave me a message on my phone about what you saw. Then could you call it into the rare bird alert, 303-659-8750, and/or post it to Cobirds, as seen at 4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton, Co., with your name as the observer. This is because sometimes I'm in & out, so I may miss an unusual bird, plus I would love to help others see a new bird. A reminder : My yard is not like going up to Georgetown, Co., or to the mid foothills, in that I do not get gobs of hummingbirds at my feeders, (like you do in those two areas). The main difference is that I get mostly Calliopes, and I have had some other rare hummingbirds show up. Regardless, one can always see some pretty plantings (perennials & annuals). Sorry about how the perennials look in my patio (with many thorns & sticks around them for protection). The rabbits have, and are eating many, of them.

This is the slowest summer (for quantity of hummingbirds) in a long time in my yard. Numbers are way, way, down in this point in time. BUT the flowers look great.

Thanks and good Luck!

Tina Jones, Littleton, Jefferson County

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Thanks to you all for your wonderful support!

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Alison Hilf ahilf@aol.com and Meredith Anderson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules that you can download: www.dfobirders.org.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. **The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

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Digiscoping = great Colorado birds slide show and how to digitally photograph them!



Wednesday October 6, 7.30 pm.

Glenn Walbek has been in Colorado since 1991 and became interested in birding in the Spring of 1998. Since then, Glenn has been a serious birder. In 2001, he started photographing birds after mating his digital camera with his scope. Three years and thousands of photographs later, Glenn will show us that anyone can take great pictures of birds for documentation purposes as well as artistic pleasure. Please turn to page 11 for directions.

November 4th—mark your calendars! Bob Richter will entertain and regale us with the behind the scenes stories and challenges of putting together his latest book: *Birds of Western Colorado, Plateau and Mesa Country*. Gathering data for research does have its amusing side as well! Bob is a co-author of *Colorado Birds*, compiled the *Bird Songs of the Rocky Mountains* CD we all use, and has led numerous trips for DFO to many of North America's hot birding spots. Anyone who has gone on one of his trips knows about the "lottery" for a reservation - he is that popular!



DFO Field Trips for October 2004

Saturday, October 2

North Table Mountain (Historic Bird Survey # 10)

Leader: Mike Foster (303-279-3026)

This mesa attracts many of the same birds as its sister across the way, with a few interesting exceptions. Half-day or more. Bring snack and water. Walk 2-3 miles and gain 600 feet. Call Mike to sign up. Meet at 0800 at Wild Bird Center, in mall just northeast of intersection of Youngfield and 33rd Ave. We'll return to WBC for refreshments.

Sunday, October 3

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Mary C. Burger (303-771-3431)

Bring lunch for a three-quarter-day trip. State Parks pass needed. Meet leader at 0800 at west entrance to park. (East from Yosemite on Union Ave., across from Cherry Creek High School.) Beginning birders welcome!

Saturday, October 9

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Marilyn and Lee Rowe (303-659-8069)

Meet leaders at 0800 at Nature Center in park. (From Denver, take I-76 east to Bromley Lane (exit 22). Go east on Bromley to Picadilly Rd., then south about 2 miles to park entrance. Continue southwest to Nature Center.) State Parks pass needed. Leaders know their stuff!

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DFO Field Trips for October 2004, continued

Sunday, October 10

"The Big Sit" at Chatfield State Park

Leaders: Joey Kellner (303-978-1748) and others (Bob and Lea Ann Brown, 303-491-6204)

Call for directions! An international birding event, the "Big Sit" has exacting, loose, and frivolous rules. Counters tally all seen or heard birds as long as the "sitters" remain in a 17-foot-diameter circle. Scouts and "beaters" may find and identify birds as long as the "sitters" see them from circle. People will "Big Sit" around the world on this date! Join in for an hour, a morning, or all day. Bring State Parks Pass, chairs, food, scopes, binoculars, coffee, and other essential birding equipment. Time 6 a.m. until sunset. Joey will be at old heron overlook. Browns will meet at Audobon Center.

Saturday, October 16

Longmont area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez (303-772-6048)

Meet leaders at 0800 at Jim Hamm Park. (From I-25, take exit 240. Go west 4 miles on County Rd. 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Rd., then north 2 miles to Jim Hamm Park at 17th Ave. Three-quarter day to full day, so bring lunch and water. State Parks Pass may be needed.

Sunday, October 17

Pawnee Grasslands

Leader: Jackie King (303-287-1644)

Meet leader at 0730 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson, off I-76. Bring lunch, snacks, and water for a long day. Call Jackie to arrange carpooling.

Saturday, October 23

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: David Rhoades (303-424-8633)

Space is limited. Call leader for details and to register. Trip will probably be 0800 to 1300.

Saturday, October 23

Apex Park Trails-JeffCo Open Space (Historic Bird Survey #11)

Leader: Mike Foster (303-279-3026)

Looking for last migrants and first winter residents. Half-day trip. Hike 3 miles and gain about 700 feet. Sign up with Mike for meeting time. Be at Wild Bird Center in mall just northeast of intersection of Youngfield and 33rd Ave. We'll return to WBC for refreshments.

Sunday, October 24

South Platte Park-Carson Nature Center

Leader: Alison Donnelly (303-798-3766) Meet at Nature Center at 0830, north of Mineral Ave., one block west of Santa Fe Dr. Half-day trip. Listen for Alison's bird calls!

Saturday, October 30

Boulder area-Doudy Draw, Mesa Trail, etc.

Leader: Norm Lewis (303-988-5544)

Meet at 0800 at Doudy Draw Trailhead parking lot (south side of Highway 170, about 1.9 miles west from Highway 93). Three-quarter day; bring lunch and water. State Parks Pass may be required if we go to Eldorado State Park.

Sunday, October 31

Lakes around Longmont (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

Leader: Dick Pratt (303-651-6860)

Meet leader at 0900 at Park 'n Ride at southeast corner of I-25 and Highway 119 (Longmont exit). Bring lunch and water. Ducks and other migrating water birds—maybe even goblins and witches!

Field trip information— If you have registered with the trip leader and then find you are unable to go on the trip, let the leader know ahead of time. This is most important if there is a sign-up and waiting list. DO NOT call the leader the morning of the trip, as this tends to wake up the entire household. Check the Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750 or web site www.dfohirders.org for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

DFO Field Trip Summaries August 2004

August 1, Sunday *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Alison Donnelly, Rick and Jayni Eichorn, Warren Finch, Peggy Fitzgerald, Peter Frechtel, Allen Hagood, Charlie Lawrence, Dick Schottler, Polleke Siraa, Margaret Smith, Joyce Takamine, Larry Wilson, Ben Zank. **Time:** 0700-1300. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Montane riparian, aspen, and conifer woodlands, elevation 8500+'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 60-85°F, west wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 170 individuals.

August 7, Saturday *Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. **Observers:** Peter DiDorezo, Peggy Fitzgerald, Allen Hagood, Gordon Hodgson, Dick Pratt. **Time:** 0815-1540. **Distance:** 60 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain valley, parks and meadows, tundra, elevation 7500-11500'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy and cloudy, some sprinkles, 45-83°F, west wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 35 species, 172 individuals.

August 8, Sunday *Pawnee National Grasslands (PAW)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Allen Hagood, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0730-1930. **Distance:** 144 miles by car, 1/2 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Sunny and warm, 68-85°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 42 species, 1943 individuals.

August 14, Saturday *Parker Region Park (PAR)*

Leader(s): Buzz Schaumburg. **Observers:** Mary Lou Dimond, Allen Hagood, Trish Schumacher, Bob Slade. **Time:** 0700-1030. **Distance:** 1.8 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, wooded pond, riparian. **Weather:** Clear, warm, 53-70°F, calm, slight breeze. **Totals:** 33 species, 307 individuals.

August 15, Sunday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Glenn Walker, Joey Kellner. **Time:** 0700-1100. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Open water, riparian, shoreline, elevation 5800'. **Weather:** Clear, 60-74°F, calm. **Totals:** 56 species, 458 individuals.

August 21, Saturday *Longmont and Lyons Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Richard Mendez and Chris Owens. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Diana Mullineaux, Dick Pratt, Trish Schumacher, Chuck Walters, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0700-1520. **Distance:** 51.9 miles by car, 1.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, pond, agricultural, riparian, foothills, elevation 5000-5200'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 70-80°F, northwest wind, 4-7 mph. **Totals:** 71 species, 2355 individuals.

August 22, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Debbie Abrams, Bob Brandle, Joe and Micki Elliott, Warren Finch, Sally Franson, Peggy Gonder, Fred Hager, Elizabeth Hubbell, Dianna and Wayne Johnston, Edwin McConkey, Bob Righter, Peggy Roberts, Kelly and Trish Schumacher. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and lake, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Sunny, 60-81°F, calm. **Totals:** 43 species, 634 individuals.

August 28, Saturday *Turkey Creek Canyon (TUR) with The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Inga Brennan, Bill Eden, Leslie Gerard, Bob Hutchison, Mary Ellen Sargeant, Ann Saul, Bob Shade. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Rural suburban, mountain riparian, mountain grassland, mountain shrub, ponderosa pine. **Weather:** Clear, 40-60°F, no wind. **Totals:** 33 species, 115 individuals.

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DFO Field Trip Summaries August 2004, continued**August 29, Sunday***Chief Hosa, Stapleton Braille Trail (CHI)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Joyce Mosetic, Paul Thayer, Phoebe Thayer, Charles Warren, EJ Warren, Keith Warren, Stephanie Warren. **Time:** 0745-1230. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Conifer forest, foothills meadows, pond. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 55-74°F, south to southwest wind, 1-5 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 223 individuals.

Tuesday Birders**August 3***Pine Valley Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park (PIN)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp and Alice Kruse. **Observers:** 26. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir with lake, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, douglas fir and grassy meadows, elevation 7200'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy, 71-80°F, west wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 27 species, 79 individuals.

August 10*Evergreen Lake, Maxwell Falls and Else Van Erp Property (EVE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake and marsh, pine, spruce, aspen and riparian, elevation 7500-8500'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 60-72°F, west wind 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 115 individuals.

August 17*Alderfer Three Sisters Jeffco Open Space Park (ALD)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0830-1130. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa pine, douglas fir, aspen woodland and grassy meadows, elevation 7520-7800'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to cloudy, 69-76°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 15 species, 123 individuals.

August 24*Georgetown and Guanella Pass Summit (GEO)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 14. **Time:** 1030-1300. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Lodgepole pine, aspen, willow, tundra, riparian, spruce and woodlands, elevation 8500-116690'. **Weather:** Partly sunny, 65°F, northwest wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 16 species, 31 individuals.

August 31*Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, prairie, agriculture, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 64-78°F, northeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 28 species, 667 individuals.

DFO Field Trip Summary Table August 2004

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	1	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29		3	10	17	24	31	
	GOL	ROC	PAW	PAR	CHA	LON	BAR	TUR	CHI		PIN	EVE	ALD	GEO	BAR	
Pied-billed Grebe						40										40
Horned Grebe						1										1
Western Grebe					16	500									7	523
Clark's Grebe						275										275
American White Pelican					30	90	16								24	160
Double-crested Cormorant	1			7	3	66	7		1			15			1	101
Great Blue Heron				1	3	11	2		1			1			5	24
Great Egret						11									1	12
Snowy Egret						7	3								2	12
Black-crowned Night-Heron				1		1										2
White-faced Ibis							22									22
Turkey Vulture		2			1	16		3	2							24
Canada Goose			250	42	30	335	180					5			360	1202
Wood Duck						1										1
Gadwall															3	3
Mallard	3	4			4	35	3	5	4		3	7		1		69
Northern Shoveler						1										1
Northern Pintail						6										6
Common Merganser					16						1					17
Osprey						1			1							2
Bald Eagle					1											1
Northern Harrier			3				3		1							7
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1													1
Cooper's Hawk			1													1
Swainson's Hawk			25			7	14		2						4	52
Red-tailed Hawk	5	1	3			18	5	2	6		3			1		44
Golden Eagle						1										1
American Kestrel						16	2		1							19
Peregrine Falcon					1											1
Prairie Falcon		1				1	1									3
Ring-necked Pheasant															1	1
American Coot						35	2								2	39
Killdeer			6	10	15		12								3	46
Mountain Plover			10													10
American Avocet					4											4
Lesser Yellowlegs					3											3
Spotted Sandpiper		2		3	12	1	1		1							20
Least Sandpiper															7	7
Baird's Sandpiper					6	6	16									28
Wilson's Snipe		2				1										3
Bonaparte's Gull						1										1
Ring-billed Gull				2	30	226	200								200	658
California Gull					4	1										5
Forster's Tern						2										2
Black Tern						5										5
Rock Pigeon		3	80		1	101			8						2	195
Mourning Dove	2		95	8	10	50	5	1	2							173
Great Horned Owl							2									2
Common Nighthawk	17		4			2										23
White-throated Swift	2					4										6
Black-chinned Hummingbird					1											1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	13	10		2	5	7		5	12		12	7	2			75

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

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	GOL	ROC	PAW	PAR	CHA	LON	BAR	TUR	CHI	PIN	EVE	ALD	GEO	BAR	
Rufous Hummingbird	1	2									1				4
hummingbird sp.												1			1
Belted Kingfisher				1	1	3				2	1				8
Red-naped Sapsucker	4														4
Downy Woodpecker	2		1	2	2	3	7	1	1			1		5	25
Hairy Woodpecker								1		2					3
Northern Flicker	3	1		5	1	3	5	4	4	1		6			33
"Red-shafted" race	(3)	(1)		(5)		(3)	(5)	(4)							(21)
Western Wood-Pewee	4	1	4	45	20	6	12	2	1	1		1			97
Cordilleran Flycatcher	6		1			4			2	1	1				15
empidonax sp.	2				1				3						6
Say's Phoebe			1	1											2
Western Kingbird			20		2	5	3	1							31
Eastern Kingbird			3	1	1	2	7								14
Loggerhead Shrike			1			1									2
Warbling Vireo	4									1					5
Stellar's Jay	10	12				1		7	5	3	1	2	1		42
Blue Jay			11	1		2									14
Western Scrub-Jay						1			1						2
Clark's Nutcracker													2		2
Black-billed Magpie	2	15				9		3	7						36
American Crow		1				2		4	10	2	21	3	1	1	45
Common Raven	2	3						6	2						13
Horned Lark		15	125												140
Tree Swallow	4	10				2									16
Violet-green Swallow	1	20			1				57	1	1				81
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			2	3											5
Bank Swallow			13		1	12									26
Cliff Swallow		1	3	1	100	70				3	1				179
Barn Swallow	2			8	1	79		4		5	6				105
swallow sp.								4							4
Black-capped Chickadee	12			1	5	2	2	5	9	2	2	4			44
Mountain Chickadee	15	2						6	12		9	21	8		73
Red-breasted Nuthatch									10		2		1		13
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	2		1	2		2		4	2	4	16		2	36
Pygmy Nuthatch	5	6						9	6			18			44
Brown Creeper									2		1		1		4
Rock Wren							1								1
House Wren	11	2			6		4	2	1	2				1	29
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1								1				1		3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					1										1
Western Bluebird												15			15
Mountain Bluebird	1	3									6				10
Townsend's Solitaire		1								1	1		1		4
Swainson's Thrush											1				1
American Robin	4	6	8	3	20	5	3	1	2	6	1	10			69
Gray Catbird					3										3
Sage Thrasher			1												1
Brown Thrasher			2												2
European Starling			100		1	5	20							4	130
American Pipit		8													8
Cedar Waxwing						6									6
Orange-crowned Warbler								1							1
Virginia's Warbler								2							2
Yellow Warbler			1	20	20	20	9				1			5	76

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

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DFO Field Trip Summary Table August 2004, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	1 GOL	7 ROC	8 PAW	14 PAR	15 CHA	21 LON	22 BAR	28 TUR	29 CHI	3 PIN	10 EVE	17 ALD	24 GEO	31 BAR	
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race								2		4	7		4		17 (4)
Townsend's Warbler														4	4
American Redstart					2										2
MacGillivray's Warbler	2	1													3
Wilson's Warbler		1					4	2					1	5	13
Yellow-breasted Chat				1	1										2
Western Tanager				1	1										2
Green-tailed Towhee					1	1 /		2		3					7
Spotted Towhee					4					1					5
Chipping Sparrow	1	5	1	1	4	1	8	4		7		2			34
Brewer's Sparrow		5	20					2							27
Field Sparrow			2												2
spizella sp.														1	1
Vesper Sparrow			3									20			23
Lark Sparrow			3		15		2								20
Lark Bunting			150												150
Savannah Sparrow		1			3										4
Song Sparrow	9	1					3	3		2	2				20
Lincoln's Sparrow	2												1		3
White-crowned Sparrow		2													2
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race	4 4							2 2	2		1	1	1 (1)		11 (7)
McCown's Longspur			9												9
Chestnut-collared Longspur			1												1
Black-headed Grosbeak				2											2
Blue Grosbeak				1											1
Lazuli Bunting					1		1			2					4
Red-winged Blackbird			890			150	5				5		1		1051
Western Meadowlark			16	1	4	2	2						9		34
Yellow-headed Blackbird						20									20
Brewer's Blackbird						5									5
Common Grackle			13			14	2						1		30
Brown-headed Cowbird					1	2									3
Orchard Oriole													6		6
Bullock's Oriole				6	1	1	4								12
Pine Grosbeak												2			2
House Finch			11	43	20	5	16	7	15						117
Red Crossbill	8	20													28
Pine Siskin	3				1			8					4		16
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race "Black-backed" race				42	10	2		4	9	6	1				74 (7) (11)
American Goldfinch			4	40	4	7	6		15		1				77
House Sparrow	1		45			20	10				2				78
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	170	172	1943	307	458	2355	634	115	223	79	115	123	31	667	7,392
TOTAL SPECIES	37	35	42	33	56	71	43	33	37	27	30	15	16	28	143

Additional Reports August 2004

Species	Dates	#	Location	County	Observers & notes
Hooded Merganser	8/22-24	1f	Metro Lake, Colorado City	Pueblo	David Silverman, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Great Egret	8/10	2	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Great Egret	8/17	1	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Green Heron	8/24	2	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Mark Peterson, David Silverman, Brandon Percival
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	8/24	1j	Clark Reservoir	Huerfano	Mark Peterson, David Silverman, Brandon Percival
Peregrine Falcon	8/21	1	Lake DeWeese, near Westcliffe	Custer	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Peregrine Falcon	8/24	1	East of I-25	Huerfano	Mark Peterson, David Silverman, Brandon Percival
Peregrine Falcon	8/27	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Upland Sandpiper	8/17	1	Pueblo West (Brandon's yard!)	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Pectoral Sandpiper	8/21	2	Lake DeWeese	Custer	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
White-winged Dove	8/24	1	Walsenburg	Huerfano	Brandon Percival
Greater Roadrunner	8/24	1	East of I-25	Huerfano	David Silverman, Mark Peterson, Brandon Percival
Black Swift	8/22-24	1	Lake Beckwith, Colorado City	Pueblo	David Silverman, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Chimney Swift	7/31	1	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Black-chinned Hummingbird	8/3	1-2m	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	8/24	1m	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	David Silverman, Mark Peterson, Brandon Percival
Eastern Phoebe	8/31	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Cassin's Vireo	8/31	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Golden-crowned Kinglet	8/10	1	Cow Creek	Larimer	Allen Hagood
Northern Mockingbird	8/11	1	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Warren Finch
Nashville Warbler	8/31	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Parula	8/24	1m	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Mark Peterson, David Silverman, Brandon Percival
Magnolia Warbler	8/21	1ms	Lake DeWeese	Custer	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Black-throated Gray Warbler	8/8	1m	Lair O' the Bear Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Townsend's Warbler	8/21	2	Lake DeWeese	Custer	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Townsend's Warbler	8/24	1	East of I-25	Huerfano	David Silverman, Mark Peterson, Brandon Percival
Townsend's Warbler	8/28-31	1-3	Valco Ponds/Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Townsend's Warbler	8/29	1f	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
American Redstart	8/19	1f	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
American Redstart	8/25-29	1-5	Valco Ponds/Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Waterthrush	8/25-29	1	Valco Ponds/Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Hooded Warbler	8/22	1m	Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Silverman
Scarlet Tanager	7/31	1m	Roxborough State Park	Douglas	Dan Bridges
Indigo Bunting	8/24	1f	Walsenburg	Huerfano	Brandon Percival
Indigo Bunting	8/25-28	1m	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival

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None This Month.

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An educational opportunity co-sponsored by the
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Tuesday, October 5, 2004
Bethany Lutheran Church
4500 E. Hampden Ave. (west of I-25)



Randall will give a slide-illustrated talk on where to find rare and endemic species of birds in Costa Rica. Randall is a native Costa Rican who has been guiding birding and other natural history groups for seven years. He is knowledgeable of excellent "off the beaten path" places for birders to visit in all regions of Costa Rica.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from an expert about the extensive birdlife (874 species - more species than are found in North America north of the Mexican border) of this fascinating country. This program is co-sponsored by the Audubon Society of Greater Denver.

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web site lists current field trip schedules that you can download: ●
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Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. **The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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November 3rd—mark your calendars !

Bob Righter will entertain and regale us with the behind the scenes stories and challenges of putting together his latest book: *Birds of Western Colorado, Plateau and Mesa Country*. Gathering data for research does have its amusing side as well!

Bob is a co-author of *Colorado Birds*, compiled the *Bird Songs of the Rocky Mountains* CD we all use, and has led numerous trips for DFO to many of North America's hot birding spots. Anyone who has gone on one of his trips knows about the "lottery" for a reservation - he is that popular! Our next meeting kicks off 2005 in January.



DFO Field Trips for November 2004

Saturday, November 6

Walden Ponds

Leader: Bob Evans, 303-44-5063. Meet leader at 0800 at Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat. From northbound US 36, take Foothill Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Ave., then east to 75th St. Go north on 75th St. past Valmont Rd. and railroad tracks. Turn left at Wildlife Habitat sign. Follow road west and south to Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. Bring water and a snack for a half-day trip.

Sunday, November 7

Scoter Trip

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. This is an all day trip driving to various mountain lakes to look for scoters, loons and other migrants so bring lunch. Trip will probably include stops at Dillon Reservoir, Turquoise Lake, Spiny Mountain Reservoir, Twin Lakes and Eleven-Mile Reservoir. Call leader to register and arrange a meeting place.

Saturday, November 13

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. This will be an easy hike. From Denver, take East I-76 to Bromley Lane, Exit 22. Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road, and then turn south for approximately 2 miles to park entrance. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

Sunday, November 14

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, (aka Prospect Park)

Leader: Mike Foster (303) 279-3026. Historic Bird Survey #12. Of interest will be our results today, as compared with those of last April, and compared with those of 1909. Call Mike to sign up and to learn of any last minute changes. Meet at the parking area next to Clear Creek at 0800 or for those not familiar with the Greenbelt, meet at 07:45 at Wild Bird Center in the mall just Northeast of the intersection of Youngfield and 32nd Ave. (an exit of I-70 is there). Refreshments available after the trip at Wild Bird Center.

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DFO Field Trips for November 2004, continued

Saturday, November 20 *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet leader at 0730 at the Entrance station inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. State Parks Pass required. This will be a half-day trip, lunch optional.

Sunday, November 21 *Boulder Hawk Run*

Leaders: Dianna and Wayne Johnston, 303-5662. Meet leaders at 0900 at the Park and Ride located at Hwy 287 and Niwot Road. From I-25 take exit #235 (CO State Hwy 52, Dacono, Ft. Lupton.) Go left at exit: Hwy 52 (west), go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287, turn right (north) on Hwy 287. Go 0.7 miles then turn left (west) on Niwot Rd. This is a driving trip around Boulder County looking for raptors. It will be a 3/4 day trip, bring lunch, snacks and water.

Friday, November 26 (the day after Thanksgiving) *Colorado Turkey Chase*

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 0700. We will go and find those turkeys at Hugo and check out the plains for raptors. We might check some of the state wildlife areas or Bonnie. Bring lunch and snacks for a long day. Colorado State Parks Pass needed. Please call leader if you plan to go and we will set up a place to meet that is convenient.

Saturday, November 27 *Audubon Center at Chatfield*

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at the Discovery Pavilion at 0800. Take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield State Park to Waterton Rd. and turn left. Take Waterton Rd. 1/2 mile to the entrance which is well marked with a large sign. Will meet at the stone house. Come and explore the river looking for dippers and the wetlands looking for ducks. Will hike about 2 1/2 miles on level trails and a gravel road. Bring your lunch to enjoy before the trip ends shortly after lunch.

Sunday, November 28 *Cherry Creek Reservoir*

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. Meet leader at 0800 at west entrance of park. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave past Cherry Creek High School to west entrance. Half day trip, lunch optional. Gulls and waterfowl should be plentiful and nuthatches, woodpeckers and other winter residents will be there. State Parks pass required. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

Scheduled by Jackie King

Douglas County and Evergreen Christmas Counts coming up

From Ann Bonnell (abonnell@juno.com)

- The Douglas County Christmas Bird Count sponsored by Roxborough State Park will be held on Sunday, January 2, 2005. Time is 7:30 am to 3:30pm with compilation and chili supper at Roxborough Visitor Center after the count at 4:00pm.. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, December 29th. Call Roxborough State Park at 303 - 973-3959 to sign up. Questions call Ann Bonnell at 303-979-6211 or e-mail at abonnell@juno.com.
- The Evergreen Naturalists' Christmas Bird Count for the Evergreen area will be on Sunday, December 19, 2004. Compilation and chili supper follow the count. To sign up call Tom Van Erp at 303-816-4420 or e-mail at tomvanerp@aol.com.

DFO Fall Count 2004

September 9, Thursday *Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)*

Leader(s): J.B. Hayes. Observers: Beverlee Guild, Allison Hilf, Chuck Thornton-Kolbe, Bob Rohwedder, Polleke Siraa, Joyce Takamine. Time: 0700-1315. Distance: 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Large reservoir, riparian, cattail marsh, dry upland scrub. Weather: Clear to partly cloudy, 59-85°F, calm, variable wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 61 species, 1130 individuals.

September 9, Thursday *Barr Lake Periphery (BAR)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. Observers: None. Time: 0700-1300. Distance: 77 miles by car. Habitat: Riparian and plains and developed city or suburb, elevation 5280'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 60-90°F, northwest wind, 3-5 mph. Totals: 50 species, 2482 individuals.

September 10, Friday *Lower Bear Creek and Marston Reservoir (LOW)*

Leader(s): Tamie Bulow. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Allison Hilf, Tina Jones, Diana Mullineaux, Joyce Takamine. Time: 0700-1700. Distance: 36.5 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. Habitat: Greenbelt, urban and parks, residential and reservoir. Weather: Clear, calm, 58-80°F, south-southwest wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 80 species, 3563 individuals.

September 11, Saturday *Waterton (WAT)*

Leader(s): Hugh Kingery. Observers: Bob Brown, Mike Cerruto, Doris Cruze, Alison Donnelly, Jerry Dowser, Peter Frechtel, Celia Greenman, Hank Guarisco, Urling Kingery, George Mozealous, Louise Mozealous, Laura Stahl, Scott Yarberry. Time: 0630-1545. Distance: 10 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. Habitat: Plains riparian, wetlands, grassland. Weather: Clear, 58-89°F, no wind. Totals: 66 species, 912 individuals.

September 11, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. Observers: Norm Erthal, Warren Finch, Ed Holub, Dick Pratt, Bob Righter, Trish Schumacher, Bob Spencer, Chuck Walters. Time: 0630-1515. Distance: 10 miles on foot. Weather: Clear, 50-88°F, no wind. Totals: 91 species, 2751 individuals.

September 11, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. Observers: Paul Differding, Allison Hilf, Dianna Johnston, Randy Lentz, Sally Plummer, Bob Shade, Steve Stachowiak. Time: 0400-1915 (4:00-5:10am owling up Plum Creek, 48°F). Distance: 42 miles by car, 5.5 miles on foot. Weather: Clear all day, 48-88°F, southwest wind, 5-12 mph. Totals: 83 species, 962 individuals.

September 12, Sunday *Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. Observers: Paul Differding, Neil Montague, Bob Rohwedder. Time: 0545-1600. Distance: 22 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Grassland, foothills, conifer forest, gambels oak and riparian, elevation 6300'. Weather: Clear in am, cloudy in pm, 45-85°F, southwest wind, 0-12 mph. Totals: 51 species, 337 individuals.

September 12, Sunday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)*

Leader(s): Urling Kingery. Observers: Elaine Emeigh, Mel Emeigh, Allen Hagood, Allison Hilf, Jody Johnson, Dianna Johnston, Hugh Kingery, Karen von Saltza. Time: 0615-1600. Distance: 25 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Plains riparian, wetlands, plains grassland. Weather: Clear, 61-89°F, east wind, 0-15 mph only in mid-day. Totals: 92 species, 1292 individuals.

DFO Fall Count 2004

SPECIES DATE LOCATION									TOTAL
	9 CHE	9 BARP	10 LOW	11 WAT	11 BAR	11 CHA	12 CAS	12 RMA	
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2	4	3		2		2	14
Horned Grebe	1								1
Eared Grebe			2						2
Western Grebe	125		2		28	24			179
American White Pelican	15	24	26	12	5	56		4	142
Double-crested Cormorant	21	4	19	39	350	90		11	534
Great Blue Heron	18	3	15	9	4	13	1	2	65
Great Egret			4						4
Snowy Egret		1	4		1			2	8
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1		1				2
Turkey Vulture			3			1	35		39
Canada Goose	35	10	70	16	400	45	2	77	655
Wood Duck			10			5		2	17
Gadwall			62	8		2		80	152
American Wigeon		50	143	2		1		23	219
Mallard	10	42	321	63	100	12	3	139	690
Blue-winged Teal					6	2		3	11
Cinnamon Teal								4	4
teal sp.			350					21	371
Northern Shoveler		50	4		12			21	87
Northern Pintail			3		3	4		4	14
Green-winged Teal			6		250	25		31	312
Redhead			232					1	233
Ring-necked Duck			5						5
Lesser Scaup			1						1
Bufflehead			3					2	5
Common Goldeneye	1								1
Hooded Merganser			1						1
Common Merganser			7	4		34			45
Ruddy Duck	1		1		7			4	13
Osprey	1			1		2			4
Bald Eagle						1		2	3
Northern Harrier		2						2	4
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			1	1			3
Cooper's Hawk							1		1
Swainson's Hawk	5	20			5	6		11	47
Red-tailed Hawk western races	1	4	5 (5)	8	6	4	5	5	38 (5)
Golden Eagle				1					1
American Kestrel	1	9	1	9	4	1	2	13	40
Merlin			1						1
Prairie Falcon						1			1
Ring-necked Pheasant		1						1	2

DFO Fall Count 2004

SPECIES									TOTAL
DATE	9	9	10	11	11	11	12	12	
LOCATION	CHE	BARP	LOW	WAT	BAR	CHA	CAS	RMA	
Virginia Rail	4			4		5		4	17
Sora				1		2		3	6
American Coot	3		575		10			3	591
Semipalmated Plover					1				1
Killdeer	3	43	39	9	120	27		12	253
Greater Yellowlegs		5	3						8
Lesser Yellowlegs			10		4			2	16
Solitary Sandpiper					2				2
Willet		1							1
Spotted Sandpiper	2		1	1	2	9			15
Marbled Godwit			1		1				2
Sanderling						2			2
Semipalmated Sandpiper		3							3
Western Sandpiper					2				2
Least Sandpiper			13		5	9			27
Baird's Sandpiper		2	6		70				78
Stilt Sandpiper			3		6				9
Wilson's Snipe	1							11	12
Wilson's Phalarope		4	1						5
Franklin's Gull	200	30	161		250	2			643
Ring-billed Gull	60	145	117	9	90	60		8	489
California Gull	25		3		3	8			39
Herring Gull					1				1
Sabine's Gull						3			3
gull sp.			7						7
Common Tern	1								1
Forster's Tern	4	2			1				7
Black Tern	5								5
Rock Pigeon	1	165	248	13	6	15		13	461
Mourning Dove	13	185	37	17	34	35	1	68	390
Barn Owl								1	1
Eastern Screech-Owl						1			1
Great Horned Owl	2				2	2	1	5	12
Burrowing Owl		14						3	17
Long-eared Owl								2	2
Common Nighthawk		1					1	1	3
Common Poorwill								1	1
Black-chinned Hummingbird						1			1
Calliope Hummingbird			1						1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			1	4			1		6
Rufous Hummingbird			1						1
Belted Kingfisher	2		2	18	3	4		1	30
Downy Woodpecker	4	1	2	5	3	4	2	8	29
Hairy Woodpecker				1			1	1	3
Northern Flicker	2	2	76	22	12	20	7	36	177
"Red-shafted" race		(2)		(22)	(12)	(20)	(7)	(36)	(99)

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

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DFO Fall Count 2004, continued

SPECIES									TOTAL	
DATE										
LOCATION	9 CHE	9 BARP	10 LOW	11 WAT	11 BAR	11 CHA	12 CAS	12 RMA		
Western Wood-Pewee				11	5	3		12	31	
Least Flycatcher					2				2	
Hammond's Flycatcher					1				1	
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1								1	
empidonax sp.			1		2			3	6	
Say's Phoebe			8	4		4	2	1	19	
Western Kingbird	1	9	3	4	4	1	4	7	33	
Loggerhead Shrike				1				2	3	
Plumbeous Vireo			1				4	1	6	
Cassin's Vireo							1		1	
Warbling Vireo				3	1	1		2	7	
Red-eyed Vireo					1	1			2	
Steller's Jay							16		16	
Blue Jay	1	2	8		5		4	12	32	
Western Scrub-Jay			1				11		12	
Black-billed Magpie	15	2	6	5	9	44	1	16	98	
American Crow	12		40	15		7	2		76	
Common Raven				1		2	2		5	
Horned Lark		80		5		20		3	108	
Violet-green Swallow	1		1	2					4	
Bank Swallow	6								6	
Cliff Swallow	5				1				6	
Barn Swallow		72	40	50	100	38	1	100	401	
Black-capped Chickadee	24		31	55	7	14	14	11	156	
Mountain Chickadee							11		11	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		1		11		8		21	
White-breasted Nuthatch			7	17			14	4	42	
Pygmy Nuthatch								1	1	
Brown Creeper					1		2		3	
Rock Wren					10	2	4	5	21	
Canyon Wren							1		1	
House Wren	4		2	7	9	4	2	10	38	
Marsh Wren					1			1	2	
Golden-crowned Kinglet					1				1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								2	2	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4			1			4	5	14	
Western Bluebird							3		3	
Mountain Bluebird							24		24	
Townsend's Solitaire						1	9		10	
Hermit Thrush					1				1	
American Robin	1	2	357	47	30	18	24	43	522	
Gray Catbird	1			10	1	9			21	
Sage Thrasher						1		10	11	
Brown Thrasher					1				1	
European Starling	200	450	183	28	275	80		33	1249	
American Pipit					1				1	
Cedar Waxwing				1		10		1	12	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1				5	1		6	13	
Nashville Warbler					1				1	

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DFO Fall Count 2004, continued

SPECIES									TOTAL
DATE									
LOCATION	9	9	10	11	11	11	12	12	
	CHF	BARP	LOW	WAT	BAR	CHA	CAS	RMA	
Yellow Warbler	1				1	1			3
Yellow-rumped Warbler					17			4	21
Townsend's Warbler					7		2		9
Ovenbird					1				1
MacGillivray's Warbler				1				2	3
Common Yellowthroat	3			5	5	2		1	16
Wilson's Warbler	9	2	33	48	80	31	8	82	293
Yellow-breasted Chat						2			2
Western Tanager			4	4	1	7	1	6	23
Green-tailed Towhee				1	1	3		8	13
Spotted Towhee	1		1	10		8	5		25
Chipping Sparrow	30			7	8	9	30	45	129
Clay-colored Sparrow					1			10	11
Brewer's Sparrow	5	6		3	1			6	21
spizella sp.					40				40
Vesper Sparrow	1	38	21	28		1	21	49	159
Lark Sparrow	5	6		3	5	11		8	38
Lark Bunting		20				1		3	24
Savannah Sparrow						1		12	13
Song Sparrow		5	2	24	7	4		9	51
Lincoln's Sparrow				4	1		1	5	11
White-crowned Sparrow				4	1	2		3	10
Dark-eyed Junco							2	1	3
"Gray-headed" race							2		(2)
Chestnut-collared Longspur					1				1
Black-headed Grosbeak			2					1	3
Blue Grosbeak					4				4
Lazuli Bunting					1			1	2
Red-winged Blackbird	25	245		89	70	1		19	449
Western Meadowlark	4	75	3	1	12	9	2	31	137
Yellow-headed Blackbird		65		9		2			76
Brewer's Blackbird			2	26		8			36
Common Grackle	35	7	25	2	1	4		2	76
Brown-headed Cowbird					1				1
Bullock's Oriole					2				2
House Finch	50	55	113	45	45	25	8	36	377
Pine Siskin				6		3	15		24
Lesser Goldfinch	5		3	31		13	9	3	64
"Green-backed" race						4			(4)
American Goldfinch	110	30	5	15	50	12	2	4	228
House Sparrow		485	45		90				620
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1130	2482	3563	912	2751	962	337	1292	13,429
TOTAL SPECIES	61	50	80	66	91	83	51	92	172

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DFO Field Trip Summaries, September 2004

September 4, Saturday *NE Colorado Fall Migrant Trip, w/ Prewitt & Jackson Reservoir (NEC)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. Observers: Peggy Gonder, Greg Goodrich, Allison Hilf, Fred Johnson, Larry Modesitt, Nathan Peiplow, Dick Pratt, Lynn Solomon, Bob Spencer, Joyce Takamine, Glenn Walbek, Larry Wilson, Roni Wilson. Time: 0500-1730. Distance: 236 miles by car, 6.5 miles on foot. Weather: Mostly cloudy, 60-75°F, north wind, 10-12 mph, shifted to east 0-8 mph by afternoon. Totals: 98 species, 2463 individuals.

September 5, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Meredith Anderson. Observers: Sue Bailey, Fred Hager. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Lake, fields, riparian. Weather: Partly cloudy to mostly sunny, 55-65°F, calm wind. Totals: 34 species, 749 individuals.

September 18, Saturday *Beaver Brook Trail, west end (BEA)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. Observers: Leslie Gerard, Allen Hagood, Nancy Hill, Stan Hill, Bob Shade, Polleke Siraa, Mike Serruto. Time: 0745-1245. Distance: 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Mountain shrub, ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, cliffs. Weather: Clear, 60-80°F, no wind. Totals: 24 species, 60 individuals.

September 19, Sunday *Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)*

Leader(s): Sue Schulman. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Ron Carter, Veberlee Guild, Karen Von Saltza, Allison Hilf. Time: 0700. Distance: 2 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Weather: Dark clouds to sun with light clouds, 70-80°F, high wind. Totals: 32 species, 369 individuals.

September 25, Saturday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (ROC)*

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. Observers: Jim Berry, Deb Bogar, John Flavin, Dick Pratt, Sheila Rhoades, Mary Stallings, Richard Stevens. Time: 0800-1300. Distance: 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Prairie, wetlands, lakes, elevation 5200'. Weather: Sunny, 70°F, northwest wind, light breeze. Totals: 63 species, 442 individuals.

September 26, Sunday *Chico Basin Ranch (CHI)*

Leader(s): Bill Schmoker. Observers: Meredith Anderson, Henry Armknecht, Carol Blackard, Scott Blackard, Allen Hagood, Christy Honnen, Dave Johnson, Diana Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Nathan Pieplow, Toni Rautus, Bob Rohwedder, Sue Schulman, Polleke Siraa, Barbara Thomas. Time: 0730-1630. Distance: 8 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Shortgrass and sandsage prairie, riparian, creeks, springs, ponds, elevation 5100'. Weather: Mostly sunny, 50-75°F, occasionally gusty. Totals: 74 species, 970 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

September 7 *Lair O' The Bear Jeffco Open Space Park (LAI)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell, Else Van Erp and Alice Kruse. Observers: 22. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow and some ponderosa pine and blue spruce, elevation 6530'. Weather: Sunny to partly cloudy, 58-77°F, wind calm. Totals: 27 species, 121 individuals.

September 14 *Mt Falcon Jeffco Open Space Park (FAL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 24. Time: 0830-1130. Distance: 2.25 miles on foot. Habitat: Foothills, ponderosa pine, juniper and open meadows, elevation 7750-7859'. Weather: Sunny to partly cloudy, 60-70°F, west wind 0-5 mph. Totals: 23 species, 214 individuals.

September 21 Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.

September 28 *Grant, Guanella Pass to within 4 miles of summit and back to Grant (GRA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 25. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 30 miles by car, .5 mile on foot. Habitat: Lodgepole pine, aspen, willow, tundra, riparian, spruce and woodlands, elevation 8500-11669'. Weather: Partly cloudy to cloudy, 44-60°F, northwest wind, 0-15 mph. Totals: 14 species, 36 individuals.

DFO Field Trip Table, September 2004

SPECIES DATE LOCATION							TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	4	5	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	28	
	NEC	BAR	BEA	CHE	ROC	CHI	LAI	FAL	-	GRA	
Pied-billed Grebe					5	2					7
Eared Grebe					1						1
Western Grebe	10	3		30							43
American White Pelican	78	16		3							97
Double-crested Cormorant	20			40	4						64
Great Blue Heron	10					1					11
White-faced Ibis	3										3
Turkey Vulture			1	5		3		1			10
Canada Goose	2	310			29	4					345
Wood Duck	4				1						5
Gadwall	5			1	20	5					31
American Wigeon	2				5	30					37
Mallard	11	4		46	30	66					157
Blue-winged Teal	3				10	40					53
Northern Shoveler	5										5
Northern Pintail	25				1	1					27
Green-winged Teal	50			2	14	36					102
Redhead					12						12
Ring-necked Duck					8	7					15
Lesser Scaup					4						4
Bufflehead					4						4
Ruddy Duck					5						5
Osprey					1						1
Bald Eagle	1										1
Northern Harrier	2	1		1	5	2					11
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1				2						3
Cooper's Hawk					2		3				5
accipiter sp.			1								1
Swainson's Hawk	16	5		1	1	6					29
Red-tailed Hawk	3	3		3	4	7	1	2		3	26
western races		3									(3)
Ferruginous Hawk						2					2
buteo sp.			3								3
American Kestrel	2			1	6	10					19
Merlin	1										1
Peregrine Falcon	1										1
Ring-necked Pheasant				1							1
Scaled Quail						30					30
Virginia Rail				1							1

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DFO Field Trip Table September 2004, continued

SPECIES							TUESDAY BIRDERS				
DATE	4	5	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	28	TOTAL
LOCATION	NEC	BAR	BEA	CHE	ROC	CHI	LAI	FAL	-	GRA	
American Coot	2			1	42	20					65
Semipalmated Plover	2										2
Killdeer	220	6			7	20					253
Mountain Plover	2										2
American Avocet	1										1
Greater Yellowlegs	9					1					10
Lesser Yellowlegs	48					18					66
Solitary Sandpiper	2										2
Spotted Sandpiper	17	2					1				20
Marbled Godwit	1										1
Sanderling	2										2
Semipalmated Sandpiper	4										4
Western Sandpiper	11										11
Least Sandpiper	305					6					311
Baird's Sandpiper	600	25									625
Pectoral Sandpiper	12										12
Stilt Sandpiper	145										145
Long-billed Dowitcher	1					1					2
Wilson's Snipe				1	3	23					27
Wilson's Phalarope	4										4
Red-necked Phalarope	12										12
Franklin's Gull	102										102
Ring-billed Gull	19	230		15	20						284
California Gull	5										5
Herring Gull	2										2
Forster's Tern	1										1
Black Tern	23					1					24
Rock Pigeon	10					7					17
Mourning Dove	100	4		3	12	30					149
Barn Owl	1				1	3					5
Great Horned Owl	1				2	5					8
Burrowing Owl					4	3					7
Long-eared Owl					2						2
Broad-tailed Hummingbird							2				2
Belted Kingfisher	2				2		1				5
Lewis's Woodpecker					1						1
Red-headed Woodpecker	1										1
Williamson's Sapsucker								1			1
Red-naped Sapsucker						4					4
Downy Woodpecker	3	6	1			2	2	2			16
Hairy Woodpecker	2						2	2			6
Northern Flicker	7	6	2	4	10	16	3	4		1	53
"Yellow-shafted" race	2				(1)						(3)
"Red-shafted" race		(6)	(2)		(9)	(16)					(33)
Western Wood-Pewee	1	5				3					9
Hammond's Flycatcher						3					3
Cordilleran Flycatcher						2					2
empidonax sp.						2					2

DFO Field Trip Table September 2004, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION							TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	4 NEC	5 BAR	18 BEA	19 CHE	25 ROC	26 CHI	7 LAI	14 FAL	21 -	28 GRA	
Say's Phoebe	1					1					2
Ash-throated Flycatcher						1					1
Cassin's Kingbird						2					2
Western Kingbird	5	1		3	4						13
Eastern Kingbird	5										5
Plumbeous Vireo			2								2
Warbling Vireo		1									1
Red-eyed Vireo	1										1
Steller's Jay			5				8	17		7	37
Blue Jay	11	1			4						16
Black-billed Magpie	10			3	9	1		16		1	40
American Crow				8			2	11		5	26
Common Raven			1				2	1		3	7
Horned Lark	1					100					101
Tree Swallow	1										1
Bank Swallow	20										20
Cliff Swallow	2										2
Barn Swallow	22	1		40	16	8	8				95
swallow sp.							4				4
Black-capped Chickadee		5	2		2		9	3			21
Mountain Chickadee			4					4		3	11
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	3	2			4				1	11
White-breasted Nuthatch		5	5			3	1	3		1	18
Pygmy Nuthatch			9					22			31
Brown Creeper			1			1					2
Rock Wren	2				5						7
Canyon Wren			1				2				3
House Wren	3	7				6	2				18
Marsh Wren						1					1
American Dipper							4				4
Golden-crowned Kinglet						1					1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1		3	4	1			1	10
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	5				1						6
Western Bluebird								75			75
Mountain Bluebird					1					4	5
Townsend's Solitaire			2		1	3	1	6			13
Swainson's Thrush	1										1
Hermit Thrush						5					5
American Robin	8	3	4	5	9	30	8	5			72
Gray Catbird	5					1	1				7
Northern Mockingbird						2					2
Sage Thrasher				1	2	21					24
Brown Thrasher	9										9
European Starling	50	16		100	1	18					185
American Pipit						3					3
Cedar Waxwing							6				6
Orange-crowned Warbler			1		1						2
Yellow Warbler	3										3

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DFO Field Trip Table September 2004, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION							TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	4 NEC	5 BAR	18 BEA	19 CHE	25 ROC	26 CHI	7 LAI	14 FAL	21 -	28 GRA	
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race	1		1 1		1			8			11 (1)
Townsend's Warbler			1					2			3
MacGillivray's Warbler	3										3
Common Yellowthroat	4					1					5
Wilson's Warbler	105	15			2	9	2	1			134
Yellow-breasted Chat	1										1
Western Tanager	1				3	2					6
Green-tailed Towhee		1			2						3
Spotted Towhee	1					2	1				4
Chipping Sparrow	13	6	5		2	38		3			67
Brewer's Sparrow					6						6
Vesper Sparrow	1				16	16					33
Lark Sparrow	18										18
Savannah Sparrow					2						2
Song Sparrow		1		4	1	4	4				14
Lincoln's Sparrow						1					1
White-crowned Sparrow					12	9				1	22
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race			3 3		6			11		3 3	23 (6)
Black-headed Grosbeak	2										2
Red-winged Blackbird		19		10		175					204
Western Meadowlark	3	12		1	9	50					75
Yellow-headed Blackbird	200					1					201
Brewer's Blackbird	1			3							4
Common Grackle		2			1						3
Brown-headed Cowbird	1					2				2	5
House Finch	1	9		25	40	6					81
Pine Siskin	1					2		14			17
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race "Black-backed" race			2	5			38 24 14				45 (24) (14)
American Goldfinch	1					4	2				7
House Sparrow	4	15		2		10					31
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2463	749	60	369	442	970	121	214	0	36	5,424
TOTAL SPECIES	98	34	24	32	63	74	27	23	0	14	158

DFO Educational Endowment Grant Application

The Denver Field Ornithologists (DFO) has a limited amount of funds available annually to persons or organizations that apply for grants. The emphasis of an acceptable grant shall be for projects that educate the public concerning various aspects of the study of birds such as their identification, voice, habits, habitats as well as preservation. In 2004 we will have approximately \$900-\$1000 to award.

The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications, and must be received by the Board by January 31st 2005. Please attach additional pages if more room is needed to answer the questions.

Guidelines for application

Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by Jan 31, 2005. Describe in detail the project (s) and state the amount of funds requested. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board. Grants will be announced at May 2005 meeting. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.

Please send application to DFO Board members: Mary Burger, 10826 E. Maplewood Place, Englewood, CO 80111 or e-mail mcburger3@juno.com or to Tina Jones, 4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, CO 80123 or e-mail tjcalliope@aol.com. The Form can be downloaded at www.dfobirders.org

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Description of Project:		
What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:		
Amount of funding requested:		
Details of how funds will be used:		
Other information for the DFO Board's consideration (please attach additional information if needed).		
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The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer and month of December) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc.,

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Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Allison Hilf ahilf@aol.com and Meredith Anderson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. **The Lark Bunting:** the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year

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Start the Happy New Year with an evening of Quetzals, Critters, Creepies and Companionship of Costa Rica!

Presented by DFO's 2004 Ptarmigan Award Winner Norm Erthal. Wednesday January 5, 2005.

No Meeting in December, perhaps you could help us with the Christmas Count?

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DFO Field Trips for December 2004

December 4, Saturday

Guanella Pass

Leader: Nathan Pieplow

Meet leader at Dinosaur Ridge Park-n-Ride at 8:00 AM. We will head up to Guanella Pass Summit, looking for ptarmigan, rosy-finches, crossbills and more. Four-wheel drive vehicles necessary. Call Allison Hilf (303) 369-2541 for car pool information. Bring lunch and snowshoes if you have them. We'll return at or before 4:00 PM.

If the weather is bad, we'll look around Georgetown and Silver Plume for rosy-finches. The trip will be cancelled in very bad weather.

December 5, Sunday

88th and the Platte River

Leader: TBA

Meet at 9:00 AM at the parking lot at East 88th Ave and Colorado Blvd. Half-day trip. Ducks, ducks, and more ducks. Call Allison Hilf (303) 369-2541 for more information.

December 12, Sunday

Demonstration Project: potential new Audubon Christmas Count Area

Leader: Mike Foster (303) 279-3026

We will explore some of the following areas: Wheat Ridge, Greenbelt, Van Bibber Park, Hawk Ridge, Table Mountains, Chimney Gulch, Clear Creek, Coors Ponds, Apex Park, and Lookout Mountain. Meet at Wild Bird Center (WBC) in the mall just NE of the intersection of Youngfield & 32nd Ave (an exit of I-70 is there). Jay and Carol Reed, owners of WBC, will host a chili supper for us at 4:30 p.m. We'll compile, compare, converse, and enjoy the camaraderie. Bring a dessert or an accompaniment to chili if you like. Call Mike to sign up and to select sites.

Christmas Count on next page

DFO Christmas Count 2004



January 1, 2005 URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT

Platte River from North City limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mtn. Arsenal. Start the New Year with a half day or whole day effort--a good way to start your 2003 Year List!

At 5:00 p.m. after the count, join us for a **Pot Luck** at Casey Davenport's, 415 South High (5 blocks west of University, about 2 blocks south of Alameda); please call Casey or Jeff (303-744-0613) so we can count you in on the chili pot, Uring's brownies, and Casey & Jeff's hospitality.

Count Leader, Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

Area	Location	Telephone	Leader(s)
1	South Platte (south)	303-798-8072	Doris Cruze
2	South Platte (central), downtown Denver		
3	South Platte (north)	303-278-8035	Dick Schottler
4	Rocky Mtn. Arsenal	303-814-2723	Uring Kingery
5	Commerce City/Montbello	303-287-1644	Jackie King
6	Sand Creek/Tollgate Creek, Bluff Lake, & Aurora,	303-680-3381 303-699-1721	Randy Lentz Buzz Schaumberg
7	Cherry Creek Res.	720-560-3671	Glenn Walbek GWalbek@comcast.net
8	Kent School, S/Hampden	303-757-7000	Lynn Willcockson
9	SE Denver, N/Hampden	303-771-8331	Walt Hackney gyrfal@juno.com
10	Cherry Creek, dam to Den. Country Club	303-422-3728	Paul Slingsby
11	Fairmont, Lowry Field	303-979-6211	Tuesday Birders
13	City Park/Park Hill	303-671-8236	Kevin Corwin
14	Denver Zoo	303-376-4884	Brad Parks publicprog@denverzoo.org
15	Wash Park/Denver	303-744-0613	Casey Davenport

Country Club; Cherry Creek to Confluence; DU; Greater Glendale

Field Trip Summaries for October 2004

October 2, Saturday *North Table Mountain (NOR)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Paul Cary, Peggy Gonger, Christy Honnen, Pete Mulholland, Patti O'Neill, Warren Roske, Bob and Kay Shade, Marjean Shafer. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Suburban, mountain grassland, mountain shrub, mountain riparian deciduous, cliffs. **Weather:** Clear, 45-65°F. **Totals:** 26 species, 213 individuals.

October 3, Sunday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Mary Burger. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Kay Niya. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake riparian, prairie, elevation 5550'. **Weather:** Clear, 45-65°F, calm. **Totals:** 43 species, 951 individuals.

October 9, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Report not delivered by post office.

October 10, Sunday *Chatfield State Park for 'The Big Sit' (CHA)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Maggie Boswell, Andy Boyce, Tamie Bulow, Allan Buns, Warren Finch, Jill Holden, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lentz, Dick Pratt, Bob Spencer, Steve Stachowiak. **Time:** 0550-1900. **Weather:** Mostly clear all day, few clouds in late afternoon, 34-71°F, north wind, 0-12 mph. **Totals:** 57 species, 596 individuals.

October 16, Saturday *Longmont Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Dave Fratus, Peggy Hankins, Gordon Hodgson, Dick Pratt, Trish Schumacher, Chuck Walters, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 20 miles by car. **Habitat:** Ponds, agricultural, riparian, fields, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Foggy to partly cloudy, 40-70°F, variable wind, 10mph. **Totals:** 52 species, 3462 individuals.

October 17, Sunday *Pawnee National Grasslands (PAW)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Allen Hagood, Dave Leatherman, Larry Ridenhour and guest from Boise ID, Barb Thomas. **Time:** 0730-1730. **Distance:** 131 miles by car. **Habitat:** Plains, elevation 5250'. **Weather:** Clear and calm in morning to cloudy, rainy and windy in afternoon, 45-69°F, northwest wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 52 species, 5761 individuals.

October 23, Saturday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (ROC)*

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Barbara Bathe, Bob Buckham, Alison Donnelly, Derek Hankins, Peggy Hankins, Nancy Hill, Stan Hill, Dick Law and Sue Law (Kentucky), Kay Niya, Sheila Rhoades. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 126 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, wetlands, woodlands, lakes, ponds, elevation 5250'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 40-60°F. **Totals:** 41 species, 482 individuals.

October 23, Saturday *Apex Park, Jefferson County Open Space (APE)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Paul Cary, Richard Coan, Bill Eden, Christy Honnen, Michelle Kaufman, Barbara Montgomery, Patti O'Neill, Mary Ellen Sargeant, Margie and Sherman Wing. **Time:** 0830-1400. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 3.3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban, mountain riparian, mountain grassland, mountain shrub, ponderosa pine forest. **Weather:** Windy, then clear and warm. **Totals:** 23 species, 171 individuals.

October 24, Sunday *South Platte Park - Carson Nature Center (SOU)*

Leader(s): Alison Donnelly. **Observers:** Barbara Brown, Fran Campbell, Beverlee Gild, Peggy Hankins, Bob Hutchison, Tom Reilly, Kathryn Smith, Steve Smith, Fred Streich, Janet Streich. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riverbeds, lakes, cottonwood thickets, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 45-61°F, calm. **Totals:** 37 species, 681 individuals.



Field Trip Summaries for October 2004, continued



October 30, Saturday *Boulder Area – Doudy Draw, Mesa Trail, Eldorado State Park (BOU)*

Leader(s): Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Sue Barnhart, Debra Bogar, Mary Burger, Tom Burger, Donn Cook, Elaine Emiegh, Mel Emiegh, Jim Fischer, Lonny "Wolfman" Frye, Fred Griest, Cathy Griswald, Christy Honnen, Bob Hutchison, Dianna Johnston, Linda Macey, Neil

Montague, Sally Plummer, Nina Routh, Sue Schulman. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, riparian woodland, coniferous woodland. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clear, windy, 35-50°F, south wind, 5-30 mph. **Totals:** 24 species, 165 individuals.

October 31, Sunday *Longmont Area – Lakes (LON)*

Leader(s): Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Allen Hagood, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Polleke Siraa, Larry Wilson, Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0900-1500. **Distance:** 40 miles by car. **Habitat:** Lakes and ponds, elevation 4900-5200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to overcast, 50-60°F. **Totals:** 46 species, 9088 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

October 5 *South Valley/Jeffco Open Space Park (SOU)*

Leader(s): Mary Hafner. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, rock outcrops, pond, meadows, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Mostly clear, 60-64°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 24 species, 138 individuals.

October 12 *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow and open grass areas, elevation 5430'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 48-65°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 29 species, 452 individuals.

October 19 *Stone House, Bear Creek Greenbelt (STO)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow with meadows, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to mostly sunny, 48-58°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 24 species, 298 individuals.

Field Trip Summary Table October 2004

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS											TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	23	24	30	31	5	12	19	26	
	NOR	CHE	BAR	CHA	LON	PAW	ROC	APE	SOU	BOU	LON	SOU	CHA	STO	CHE	
Common Loon															1	1
Pied-billed Grebe		8			12		10		4		4					38
Eared Grebe				2							4				1	7
Western Grebe		400		85	450				2		225		1		400	1563
Clark's Grebe				1	2											3
American White Pelican		50		6	16	8					1		17	2	26	126
Double-crested Cormorant		90		36	106	1	2		7		190	1	22		135	590
Great Blue Heron		1		5	6	3	2		3				1		1	22
Great Egret					1											1
Canada Goose		21		65	4	340	6		23		620		63	21	55	1218
Wood Duck					1											1
Godwit		20		15	8	100	20		90		95		30	4	3	385
Eurasian Wigeon							1									1
American Wigeon		1			27	4	20		65		24					141
Mallard		6		14	118	260	20		78		92		1	58	14	661
Blue-winged Teal		9							7							16
Northern Shoveler		9		8	2	165	60		6		6		3	6	3	268
Northern Pintail						10	6									16
Green-winged Teal		5		28	2		43		14				3			95
Canvasback							3				20					23
Redhead					11		16				70					97
Ring-necked Duck					96		30		12		250					388
Lesser Scaup							22				21					43
Bufflehead					2		5				26		2			35
Common Goldeneye											3					3
Hooded Merganser				1					9		2					12
Common Merganser				13	1						16					30
Red-breasted Merganser											10					10
Ruddy Duck		8			2	5	2				12				16	45
Osprey		2		1											1	4
Bald Eagle						1							1			2
Northern Harrier	2	1		5	3	4	6				2		1		2	26
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1				1	1					1				4
Cooper's Hawk		1										1			1	3
Swinson's Hawk		2														2
Red-tailed Hawk	5			6	12	6	6	4	6	1	8	2	2	1	1	60
Ferruginous Hawk					1	2										3
Rough-legged Hawk											1					1
buteo sp.					2											2
Golden Eagle								1				1				2
American Kestrel	3	1			3	16	6		2		15			3	2	51
Merlin						3										3
Prairie Falcon	1															1
Ring-necked Pheasant		1														1
Wild Turkey					3						2					5
Virginia Rail		2													1	3
American Coot		45		4	220	5	20		10		27				5	336

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated. Continued on next page

Field Trip Summary Table October 2004, continued

Killdeer		3		9	6	16	12				3					49
American Avocet						7										7
Greater Yellowlegs				1			1									2
Lesser Yellowlegs				7												7
Spotted Sandpiper				2												2
Least Sandpiper				1												1
Baird's Sandpiper				1												1
Long-billed Dowitcher					1	8										9
Wilson's Snipe		2			9						1					12
Franklin's Gull				1		200										201
Bonaparte's Gull												20				20
Ring-billed Gull		40		29	260	445	51		4		450				135	1414
California Gull		10		6	2		1									19
Herring Gull				2											3	5
Sabine's Gull				1												1
gull sp.													115			115
Rock Pigeon	6	1		3	36	25		40	1		48	1		2		163
Mourning Dove	1			6		10	3		6		1	1	1	3		32
Barn Owl							1									1
Great Horned Owl	1			1	2								1			5
White-throated Swift	12															12
Belted Kingfisher		2		2	4	1	1		5	1	5		2	2	1	26
Downy Woodpecker				1		2		1	1	2		1			1	9
Hairy Woodpecker	2							1				2				5
Northern Flicker	6	10		11	4	5	2	1	14	6	1	11	5	17	8	101
"Red-shafted" race	(6)	(10)		(11)		(5)		(1)	(14)							(47)
Say's Phoebe	1															1
Loggerhead Shrike						1										1
Northern Shrike							2									2
Belt's Vireo						1										1
Stellar's Jay								8		9						17
Blue Jay				2	4	1			2	1				5		15
Western Scrub-Jay												18				18
Black-billed Magpie	2	2		7	1		5	8	14	7	2	14	7	10	5	84
American Crow				9	3	12		6		3	65				1	99
Common Raven	2			3						6						11
Horned Lark	10			4		150										164
Cliff Swallow	7															7
Barn Swallow		15		8												23
Black-capped Chickadee		5		3	4	2		2	22	12		13	1	4	4	72
Bushitit								10								10
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1						2						3
White-breasted Nuthatch								2	2	5			2			11
Pygmy Nuthatch								5		10						15
Brown Creeper									5	2						7

Colorado Birds Records Review Species are in **bold** type. A=Adult, I=Immature, M=Male, F=Female, S=Singing, Bas=Basic Plumage. Thank you birds for supporting our important additional reports. A sight-ings should be sent to Elna Cain elanecain13@aol.com.

Field Trip Summary Table October 2004, continued

Rock Wren	11														11
Canyon Wren	2												1		3
Golden-crowned Kinglet								1							1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1		3	2					2	1	9
Mountain Bluebird				4						5					9
Townsend's Solitaire				2		7	4	1		1					15
Thrush sp.									1						1
American Robin	6	10		45	3	25	21	15	1	2	10		14	17	200
Gray Catbird					1										1
European Starling	9	100		65	1350	1150		2	70		200		127	35	3438
American Pipit				7											7
Orange-crowned Warbler		1													1
Yellow Warbler						1									1
Yellow-rumped Warbler		17		7	1	31									56
"Myrtle" race				(2)											(2)
"Audubon's" race		17		(5)											(22)
Palm Warbler				1											1
Wilson's Warbler	1														1
Spotted Towhee	2									1			2		5
American Tree Sparrow										10				1	11
Chipping Sparrow	10	3		1									16	10	40
Brewer's Sparrow	5														5
Vesper Sparrow							1								1
Lark Sparrow	2														2
Song Sparrow				1	5	1	2	3	25		1		1	1	40
White-crowned Sparrow	4	4		2	24	6	5	7	12	6	3		9	14	99
Dark-eyed Junco				5		10	26	23	1	25			2	5	99
"Slate-colored" race									(1)						(1)
"Oregon" race				(1)											(1)
"Pink-sided" race				3											(3)
"Gray-headed" race				1											(1)
McCown's Longspur						3									3
Red-winged Blackbird		10		21	425	2500	20		58		6450		15	2	9328
Western Meadowlark		3		10	4	45	4				4		2	2	74
Yellow-headed Blackbird											1				1
Common Grackle				3	130						2			9	144
Brown-headed Cowbird						4									4
House Finch	100	14		12	62	4	13	12	70	40	20		7	6	396
Pine Siskin						1		15							16
Lesser Goldfinch				1									2		8
"Green-backed" race													2		(2)
American Goldfinch		5		1	3					7	6				25
Evening Grosbeak						1									1
House Sparrow		10			?	150			27		50			14	251
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	213	951	0	996	3462	5761	482	171	681	165	9088	138	452	298	23,636
TOTAL SPECIES	26	43	0	57	52	52	41	23	37	24	46	24	29	24	125

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The Denver Field Ornithologists (DFO) has a limited amount of funds available annually to persons or organizations that apply for grants. The emphasis of an acceptable grant shall be for projects that educate the public concerning various aspects of the study of birds such as their identification, voice, habits, habitats as well as preservation

Guidelines for application:

Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by Jan 31, 2004. Describe in detail the project (s) and state the amount of funds requested. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board. Grants will be announced at May 2005 meeting. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership. Please send application to DFO Board members: Mary Burger, 10826 E. Maplewood Place, Englewood, CO 80111 or e-mail mcburger3@juno.com or to Tina Jones, 4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, CO 80123 or e-mail tjcalliope@aol.com.

Name of Applicant		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone (Work)	Home:	Mobile:
Email:		
Individual or organization to receive grant:		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone (Work)	Home:	Mobile:
Description of Project:		
What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:		
Amount of funding requested:		
Details of how funds will be used:		
Other information for the DFO Board's consideration (please attach additional information if needed).		
Signature		
Date		

Additional Reports October 2004

Species	Dates	#	Location	County	Observers
Redthroated Loon	10/24	1j	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Redthroated Loon	10/27	1i	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Redthroated Loon	10/31	1i	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Randy Lantz
Redthroated Loon	10/20-10/21	1	Rutbo Reservoir	Rutbo	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson, mcb
Redthroated Loon	10/31	1	Rutbo Reservoir	Rutbo	Brandon Perivel
Pacific Loon	10/31	1	Rutbo Reservoir	Rutbo	Brandon Perivel
Pacific Loon	10/29	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson
Common Loon	10/13-10/31	Up to 8	Rutbo Reservoir	Rutbo	Brandon Perivel, mcb
Common Loon	10/17	1 full breeding plumage	Beavermile Canyon Reservoir	Park	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Dick Schuller
Common Loon	10/17	1 basic	Spiny Mountain Reservoir	Park	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Dick Schuller
Common Loon	10/26	1 and 1 calling	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Common Loon	10/31	6	Beavermile Canyon Reservoir	Park	Joey Kellner
Common Loon	10/31	2	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Randy Lantz
Cackling Goose	10/30	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Paul Dierding, Jill Holden, Joey Kellner
Cackling Goose	10/30	1	Plum Creek delta	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Bob Spencer
Rednecked Grebe	10/23	1	Rutbo Reservoir	Rutbo	Brandon Perivel
Rednecked Grebe	10/29	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Peterson, Allan Burns
Surf Scoter	10/14	3f1	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson
Surf Scoter	10/20	1f1	North Lake	Las Animas	Brandon Perivel, Mark Peterson
Surf Scoter	10/21	1	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, mcb
Surf Scoter	10/31	2	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Randy Lantz

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White-winged Noddy	10/31	1f	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Randy Lantz
Hooded Merganser	10/31	1m, 1f	Mt. Olivet Corn 44th pond	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Great Egret	10/13	1	Brush Hollow Reservoir	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Northern Goshawk	10/9	1 1st yr.	Mt. Falcon	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Broad-winged Hawk	10/3	1a light phase	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lantz, Dick Schottler
Martin	10/12	1m	Crown Hill Sanctuary	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Martin, Prairie population	10/25	1	Bolmer Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
American Golden-Flower	10/1	1b	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Kellner, Joey
American Golden-Flower	10/3	1	Chatfield SP	Jefferson	Bob Brown, mob
American Golden-Flower	10/24	2	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Kellner, Joey
Red Phalarope	10/8	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Pomarine Jaeger	10/14-10/25	1j	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mob
Little Gull	10/15	1 1st basic	Brush Hollow Reservoir	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, SeBta Moss
Great Black-backed Gull	10/27	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, found by Rich Miller on 10/26
Sabine's Gull	10/1	1j	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Kellner, Joey
Sabine's Gull	10/4	1j	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Sabine's Gull	10/10	1j	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Maggie Boswell, Andy Boyce, Tamie Bulow, Allan Burns, Warren Finch, Jill Holden, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lantz, Dick Pratt, Bob Spencer, Steve Stachowiak
Sabine's Gull	10/18-10/25	1j	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mob
Sabine's Gull	10/20-10/25	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mob
Arctic Tern	10/14	1 basic	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Short-eared Owl	10/16	1	Near Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brandon Percival, mob
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Northern Sawwhet Owl	10/16, 18, 20	1	Franktown	Douglas	Ulling & Hugh Kingery
Red-bellied Woodpecker	10/16	1	Flagler SWA	Kit Carson	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Lisa Edwards
Red-naped Sapsucker	10/3	1m I	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lantz, Dick Schottler
Red-naped Sapsucker	10/3	1ma	Flagler SWA	Lincoln ?	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lantz, Dick Schottler
Red-naped Sapsucker	10/4	1i	Bolmer Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Northern Shrike	10/31	1a 1j	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Vireo, Cassin's	10/3	1	Flagler SWA	Lincoln ?	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lantz, Dick Schottler
Eastern Bluebird	10/25	1m 1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Sprague's Pipit	10/16	5	Near Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brandon Percival, mob
Sprague's Pipit	10/25	1 calling flyover	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Tennessee Warbler	10/8	1	Van's grove, east of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Nashville Warbler	10/3	1	Chatfield SP	Jefferson	Ulling & Hugh Kingery
Bay-breasted Warbler	10/14	1	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Swamp Sparrow	10/16	1	Flagler SWA	Kit Carson	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Lisa Edwards
White-throated Sparrow	10/8	2	Roads JJ & 16, east of Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
White-throated Sparrow	10/14	1	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
White-throated Sparrow	10/16	1	Flagler SWA	Kit Carson	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Lisa Edwards

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Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Hooded Merganser	8/22-24	1f	Metro Lake, Colorado City	Pueblo	David Silverman, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Great Egret	8/10	2	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Great Egret	8/17	1	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Green Heron	8/24	2	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Mark Peterson, David Silverman, Brandon Percival
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	8/24	1j	Clark Reservoir	Huerfano	Mark Peterson, David Silverman, Brandon Percival
Peregrine Falcon	8/21	1	Lake DeWeese, near West-cliffe	Custer	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Peregrine Falcon	8/24	1	East of I-25	Huerfano	Mark Peterson, David Silverman, Brandon Percival
Peregrine Falcon	8/27	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Upland Sandpiper	8/17	1	Pueblo West (Brandon's yard!)	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Pectoral Sandpiper	8/21	2	Lake DeWeese	Custer	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
White-winged Dove	8/24	1	Walsenburg	Huerfano	Brandon Percival
Greater Roadrunner	8/24	1	East of I-25	Huerfano	David Silverman, Mark Peterson, Brandon Percival
Black Swift	8/22-24	1	Lake Beckwith, Colorado City	Pueblo	David Silverman, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Chimney Swift	7/31	1	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Black-chinned Hummingbird	8/3	1-2m	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	8/24	1m	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	David Silverman, Mark Peterson, Brandon Percival
Eastern Phoebe	8/31	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Cassin's Vireo	8/31	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Golden-crowned Kinglet	8/10	1	Cow Creek	Larimer	Allen Hagood
Northern Mockingbird	8/11	1	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Warren Finch
Nashville Warbler	8/31	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Parula	8/24	1m	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Mark Peterson, David Silverman, Brandon Percival
Magnolia Warbler	8/21	1ms	Lake DeWeese	Custer	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Black-throated Gray Warbler	8/8	1m	Lair O' the Bear Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Townsend's Warbler	8/21	2	Lake DeWeese	Custer	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Townsend's Warbler	8/24	1	East of I-25	Huerfano	David Silverman, Mark Peterson, Brandon Percival
Townsend's Warbler	8/28-31	1-3	Valco Ponds/Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Townsend's Warbler	8/29	1f	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
American Redstart	8/19	1f	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
American Redstart	8/25-29	1-5	Valco Ponds/Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Waterthrush	8/25-29	1	Valco Ponds/Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Hooded Warbler	8/22	1m	Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Silverman
Scarlet Tanager	7/31	1m	Roxborough State Park	Douglas	Dan Bridges
Indigo Bunting	8/24	1f	Walsenburg	Huerfano	Brandon Percival
Indigo Bunting	8/25-28	1m	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival

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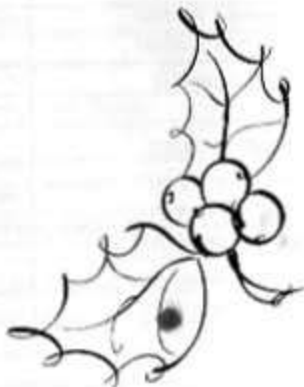


News from Barr Lake State Park

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The DFO needs you!

This April, three key DFO volunteers in are retiring, two Board members and our Treasurer, Glenn Hageman.

Tina Jones and Norm Erthal have volunteered to search for candidates for these vacancies that the Board must vote on this May. Please consider volunteering your time. If you are interested, call Tina 303 794-2647 (tjcalliope@hotmail.com) or Norm 303 424-6747 (nerthal@comcast.net). The Treasurer job takes about an hour per month although the time increases to about two to three hours during November through January.

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

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